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Joseph Hunt

TRIBUTES have been paid to a 22-year-old man who died following a suspected hit-and-run in Rugeley.

Joseph Hunt was discovered by passers-by on a footpath in Western Springs Road at 2.30am on Saturday. An 18-year-old was arrested in connection with the incident.

A Skoda Fabia was recovered for detailed forensic examination to be carried out as investigations continue.

Relatives and friends of Mr Hunt, who was from Rugeley and known as Joe, have paid tribute to him.

A family statement said: "The family would like to say Joe was a much-loved son and brother, who was known by many people and loved by all."

A tribute left at the scene says: "A great lad. Gone but not forgotten."

Another says: "Joe. You will forever be in our hearts. Rest In Peace."

Anyone with information can call 101 quoting incident 107 of December 6.

McDonald's 24-hour bid

A POPULAR takeaway restaurant and drive-through in Cannock is to open round the clock under new plans.

McDonald's in Hemlock Way has applied to extend its current opening hours to 24 hours seven days a week. It currently closes most evenings at midnight.

Company spokesman Nial Connacher confirmed that the application covered both the drive-through and the restaurant.

REHAB UNIT BID SPARKS FEARS

A BEDSIT for recovering drug addicts will open in Cannock town centre under plans that have been unveiled.

The ex-addicts will also run a tearoom next door as part of the proposal by Burton Addiction Centre. The scheme would see empty 91-93 High Green transformed into a 12-bedroom supported house for adults in recovery.

The adjoining former Bistrot 95 would open as a tearoom run by them.

The facility would house people who have already completed a 14-week intensive rehab programme.

Plans have now been submitted to Cannock Chase District Council and, if approved, the semi-independent accommodation could be open as early as next spring.

The developers said Cannock has a drug problem and the facility will allow residents to integrate back into the community.

However, critics claim it is not right to have such a facility in the town centre.

Gain

Noreen Oliver, CEO of Burton Addiction Centre, said: "Cannock has a high drug problem and this is a way to get them off drugs completely, rather than substituting it."

"There isn't any recovery facilities in Cannock for people who are wanting to integrate back into society."

"It is the first of its kind for the area and residents will be near their families and can gain qualifications with the local college."

"This is about re-integrating people back into their community and giving something back as opposed to taking from the community, when they were on drugs." Burton already runs

By Katy-Rose Meaney

two alcohol and drug rehabilitation centres, one in Newcastle-under-Lyme and one in Burton-upon-Trent.

But Hawks Green Ukip councillor Ann Bernard is against the plans.

She said: "While I have every sympathy for people I don't think the buzz of a town centre surrounded by pubs is the right place for them to be rehabilitated. I also feel for the other people who live in the town."

And Cannock Conservative Club, opposite the proposed site, said it will be lodging a complaint. Secretary Colin Hopton said: "It is terrible and we are not happy at all."

The plans for the High Green building include 12 bedrooms that residents will have on a six-month licence and a communal living space and kitchen. It will be run by staff in the evening with a condition that during the day residents must work or volunteer.

The house has been derelict for many years, with the bistro going into administration in July and then closing. A substance misuse team is based at Park House and plans have been submitted to turn the old Progressive Working Men's Club into an alcohol and drugs rehabilitation centre.

Dogs take the strain out of tree buying



Mark Saunders and Monty help deliver Christmas trees at the Birches Valley Visitor Centre on Cannock Chase

FORGET reindeer or elves . . . Newfoundlands make the best Christmas helpers.

The gorgeous dogs delighted families at Cannock Chase by pulling Christmas trees to their cars.

The Aqua Nova Water Bears group from South Yorkshire volunteered to help out at the big annual sale of trees at the Birches Valley site.

The Forestry Commission teamed up with Midlands Air Ambulance this year to offer the free tree carry-out service to help people out in turn for a small donation. Around 10 dogs were at the site, some of which were only

puppies, and about 1,000 trees were sold on the first day.

Andy Coggins, recreation manager at Birches Valley, said: "They got an amazing reaction. They put a smile on lots of people's faces."

"It's a lot of fun having a dog take a tree back to your car. It's the third year they've been to the site."

"There were 10 dogs in all. Some of them were only young puppies so some were too young to carry trees."

"About five of the dogs were carrying the trees. Monty was one of them and he was so popular."

"We will definitely be inviting the

dogs back next year." The Aqua Nova Water Bears group is a working Newfoundland training group of 12 people and 13 dogs.

The dogs, which only came down for the launch weekend, are trained to pull heavy weights and save lives in water. The group is privately owned and trains at a venue near Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

Hundreds of families have already bought Christmas trees from the site and some 8,000 trees are expected to be sold there this year.

They are on sale from 10am to 5pm each day, and 8pm on Fridays.

Scrap man ordered by court to pay £2,000

A CHASETOWN scrap collector has been ordered to pay almost £2,000 for operating without a licence.

John Jukes appeared before Stafford magistrates following a complaint about scrap metal being collected and stored at the front of The Cottage of Content in Queen Street, Chasetown.

The police and Lichfield District Council's environmental health team visited the site and found that Jukes, of St Anne's Close, Chasetown, had been operating as a mobile scrap metal collector and storing the scrap without a licence.

He pleaded guilty and was fined £1,300 and ordered to pay £531 costs and a £130 surcharge – a total of £1,961.

At the same court, a Brownhills firm was ordered to pay more than £1,020 for fly-tipping. Two people saw a pile of waste being dumped on a farmer's land in Comberford near Tamworth.

Lichfield District Council started proceedings after police traced the vehicle's registration number to Sullivan Holdings Ltd, of Coppice Side Industrial Estate in Brownhills. James O'Sullivan, director of the firm, pleaded guilty to fly-tipping.

The firm was ordered to pay £500 compensation to the farmer, costs of £505 and a victim surcharge of £15 – a total of £1,020.

Appeal over confrontation

POLICE are appealing to anyone who witnessed an altercation on the A460 Rugeley Road in Hednesford.

A 16-year-old boy was walking along Rugeley Road, opposite Hednesford Park, at 2.30pm on Thursday when a man got out of a white van and confronted him. The man has been described as white, in his 20s and wearing a red hoodie.

The boy was not harmed and nothing was stolen. Anyone with information should call police on 101.

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Households recycle 51pc of waste

CANNOCK Chase households recycled 51.3 per cent of their domestic waste in 2013-14, latest figures show.

The figures are included in the annual waste statistics for England's local authorities, released by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). It comes as a planning application seeks permission to increase the amount of waste that can be accepted at the Four Ashes energy recovery site.

Of the 70 authorities across the Midlands, 37 – just over half – are above the national average recycling rate. However, of the 37 above the national average, 15 authorities are already exceeding the UK target.

The average household recycling rate for waste sent for re-use, re-

cycling or compost grew from 43.2 per cent in 2012-13 to 43.5 per cent in 2013-14, placing the UK on a trajectory likely to fall short of the EU-imposed target of 50 per cent by 2020. All of the figures can be seen at www.ukrecyclingmap.co.uk

Meanwhile, under the Four Ashes scheme, Veolia is seeking permission from Staffordshire County Council to increase the annual ton-

nage of waste delivered to the site from 300,000 tons to 340,000 tons.

The facility produces electricity for the National Grid. Veolia director Steve Mitchell said: "The planning application submitted seeks permission to increase the annual tonnage that can be accepted at the Staffordshire energy recovery facility from 300,000 tons per annum to 340,000 tons per annum."

Fury as tree dedicated to Stephen vandalised

YOBS have pulled yellow ribbons a Christmas tree dedicated to inspirational teenager Stephen Sutton – days after it was put up.

Lights on the tree outside Burntwood Library were officially switched on by Stephen's mother Jane at the weekend in front of hundreds of people.

But Joanne Jarvis, who decorated the tree along with an army of volunteers, has been left heartbroken after discovering bows have been strewn across the road. She says a large fence may have to be erected to stop vandals targeting the tree again.



Stephen Sutton

She said: "I am absolutely gutted, I have been in tears. "How could anyone be so disrespectful? We had hoped it was the wind but we now know for certain they were pulled off deliberately.

"I am just disgusted. I had asked for a low fence but now the council are considering a higher fence."

Mrs Jarvis came up with the idea for the tree after Burntwood residents were upset that thousands of bows tied to railings during Stephen's cancer battle this year had become weathered and were being removed.

Ambulance service wins top award

WEST Midlands Ambulance Service has won a top Health Business Award.

At a ceremony in London, the service was recognised as the Ambulance Trust of the Year.

It was also shortlisted for an Outstanding Achievement in Healthcare Award for its highly regarded Regional Trauma Network Response. Health partner Midlands Air Ambulance Charity was also in the running for Air Ambulance of the Year.

The service's chief executive, Dr Anthony Marsh, said: "I am delighted the trust has been recognised with this top award. This accolade reflects the exceptional work undertaken by everyone in the trust as they consistently strive to be professional in their delivery of excellent patient care."

Identified

The fundraiser spent weeks selling bows for tree to raise £1,500 for the Teenage Cancer Trust charity. More than 400 people attended the lights switch-on event.

Mrs Jarvis is now in the process of checking CCTV footage from nearby shops to see if those responsible can be identified.

Burntwood Town Council officer Brian Cooper said: "In previous years youths have pushed the tree around but we sincerely hoped that with this year being dedicated to Stephen Sutton they wouldn't do it."

Stephen died of cancer in May aged 19.

His fundraising efforts raised more than £3m for Teenage Cancer Trust.

School delighted with rating



Jolie Wood, Sukhman Bahia and Kyle McAllister at Hazel Slade Primary School

A CANNOCK school has been rated good by Ofsted less than two years after being told it required improvement.

Hazel Slade Primary was visited by inspectors in October but the findings have only just been published. In January 2013, Ofsted gave the school a three out of four rating, saying it required improvement.

Headteacher Louise Brealey, who took the job at the helm of the school in April 2012, said: "We are absolutely over the moon. Everyone has worked really hard since then. That includes the teachers, pupils and the governing body."

"All the areas that needed improving are now rating as good. We have made big changes at the school since the previous

inspection. Maths has gone from weak to good and our Key Stage 2 SATs results were excellent this year."

"We've also increased the number of after school clubs that we run and we have more educational visits."

The school is praised in the report for its leadership and management and the performance of teachers.

It states: "Governance is much improved. The governing body keeps a very close check on how well pupils are doing. It challenges the school robustly to improve teaching so that pupils can do even better."

"The quality of teaching is good. Consequently, pupils make good progress and achieve well over time."

Company donates £36,000 to charity

RUGELEY-BASED vitamin company ZipVit has donated £36,534 to Macmillan to help fund its vital work supporting people with cancer and their families.

The company, based at the Towers Business Park, has worked with its customers and staff to raise more than £250,000 in five years for various charities.

It raised the cash for Macmillan by offering its customers placing orders over £25 the opportunity of a free gift or ZipVit making a £1 donation to the charity.

Sarah Dinshaw, general manager at ZipVit, said: "We are delighted to be working with Macmillan. Cancer affects us all in one way or another and we are very pleased to make this donation to such a great charity."

Macmillan's fundraising manager for Macmillan, Debbie Rushbrooke, said: "This is a significant donation and we are extremely grateful to everyone at ZipVit for their fantastic support."

For information on fundraising, call 0300 1000 200 or visit www.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising

To access support from Macmillan call 0808 808 00 00 or visit www.macmillan.org.uk

Lanterns at Chasewater

CHASEWATER Country Park and Innovation Centre is holding its annual Christmas fair on Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

Visitors can browse a range of jewellery and crafts from local sellers, and children can meet Santa and take a steam train ride.

Forward Action Burntwood (FAB) will also host their sixth Lantern Parade and families will have the chance to join a two-hour lantern making workshop at the Innovation Centre tomorrow and Saturday.

Booking for the lantern workshops is essential.

Best pub award

THE Olde Rose & Crown in Stafford has been named Heart of Staffordshire Camra Pub of the Year for 2014. This year the branch selected winners from 'urban pubs' in Stafford & Stone, and 'rural pubs' in areas including Eccleshall, Gnosall, Penkridge and Uttoxeter.

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Gritters ready for worst of weather

STAFFORDSHIRE'S gritting and snow plough crews are ready for action as the winter season officially bites.

The 40-plus strong gritting fleet has been overhauled to ensure they are ready to roll into action when needed.

Now, with the official start of winter, teams are gearing up to grit around 43 per cent of Staffordshire's 6,000km of road, more than any other in the West Midlands.

Some 28,000 tons of salt have been stockpiled, shared between five winter depots in Stafford, Leek, Gailey, Lichfield and Hemming-slow. Road conditions are monitored around the clock to allow crews to strike as early as possible when icy or snowy conditions hit.

County Councillor Mark Deaville, Cabinet Support Member for Highways and Transport, said: "It is essential that people are able to get around the county in times of wintry weather."

The county council has a web page dedicated to winter operations.

Visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/winter or follow the hashtags #staffsgrit and #wmgrit for the latest gritting updates.

United service for churches

BURNTWOOD Churches United held their annual Advent Praise service at Christ Church, Gentleshaw.

A packed church of Christians from most churches in the Burntwood area and they joined in a joyful service led by David Stanton of St John's with an address by Marg Mattocks of Christ Church, Burntwood.

"Advent songs old and new were sung including an unusual version of 'Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord'," Ian Hopkins, chairman of Burntwood Churches United, said.

50 jobs boost

HOME CARE provider Prestige Nursing + Care is recruiting an additional 50 staff to its Lichfield branch to support the local population's growing care needs. Prestige is looking to expand its existing team of experienced carers to meet the rising demand.

Advice for elderly as winter deaths top 800

MORE than 800 'excess' winter deaths were recorded in Staffordshire in a 12-month period, new figures show.

The Office for National Statistics has announced that there were 810 such deaths in the county during 2012-13.

Provisional figures for last winter show that 2,200 people died in the West Midlands, primarily as a result of poorly insulated homes.

Excess winter deaths are mostly a result of older people being too cold during the

winter months, especially in rural areas where there are typically more older people living and houses are less well insulated against the cold.

Prepare

The figures further revealed that 15,900 of the deaths in England and Wales were people over the age of 65.

To help alleviate the problem, OFTEC, the trade body for oil heating which is mainly used in rural areas not connected

to mains gas, has teamed up with Age UK to provide advice to help the elderly across Staffordshire to better prepare for winter.

Together, they have produced a Keeping Warm This Winter booklet which is a free information guide that includes tips and advice, useful phone numbers, help with finding a local OFTEC-registered technician and advice on heating payment schemes for people over the age of 60.

The booklet, which can be downloaded at www.oilsave.org, gives advice on keeping

warm including the importance of keeping the main living room heated to a temperature of around 21 degrees and bleeding radiators to ensure the heating system is running efficiently.

Consider

Homeowners should also get their boiler serviced by an OFTEC registered technician and consider replacing it with a modern, high efficiency boiler if it is more than 10 years old.

Confusion claim over plea to choose right healthcare

RESIDENTS in Cannock are being urged to think carefully about whether they need to go to accident and emergency – as opening hours at a minor injuries unit reduce.

Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group has been accused of launching a 'confusing' campaign in the same week as the minor injuries unit at Cannock Chase Hospital cut its hours.

The minor injuries unit was open from 8am to midnight but from December 1 it now operates between 10.30am and 6.30pm and will no longer be open during the evening.

Now the CCG, which organises NHS services, is suggesting the best option for patients may be to go to a pharmacy, see a GP, call NHS 111 for advice or even just stay at home and wait to get better.

Option

However, Cannock South councillor Maureen Freeman called the campaign confusing. She said: "It is an absolute nightmare for local residents. The CCG have launched this at the same time they have reduced the opening hours of the minor injuries unit."

"While I agree it was a better option than closing it altogether, to stop this service on an evening, and then tell people not to go to A&E either, is just confusing people further. They need to get their act together."

"Personally if my child or

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I were injured on an evening I would not just sit at home, I would go to A&E, now that the minor injuries unit closes at 6.30pm."

The advice comes after recent statistics revealed that almost half of the people who visited accident and emergency with an illness or injury really didn't need to be there.

The figures were gathered by the Health and Social Care Information Centre over 2012 and 2013.

Cannock GP Dr Johnny McMahon, chairman of the Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "A&E is only for people with life-threatening injuries or illness. If you're not sure where to go, call NHS 111 for advice on what healthcare service you need."

"The truth is, self-care, which means treating yourself, is often the only treatment for minor ailments, such as headaches, colds and flu, or minor injuries like muscle pulls and strains."

Crews turn flu fighters

MORE than 1,300 ambulance staff have become 'flu fighters' by getting their free jab to protect themselves, their patients and their families. "West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust's flu vaccination programme is well under way to protect our staff. Flu doesn't care who it infects and we're urging the public to protect themselves with a simple flu jab to prevent missing out on the fun during the festive season," a spokesman said.



Proud – Daryl, of Heath Hayes, holds aloft the Indie Kart Championship trophy

Delight as Daryl lifts first big title

KARTING king Daryl Warren is celebrating after winning his first national championship.

The father of three is so pleased he has displayed his new trophy in the front window of the family home in Cannock Chase – and glued it to the ledge in case anyone tries to steal it.

The 35-year-old, who runs his own courier business, won the top prize in the Indie Kart Championship, a points competition held over 12 months at Ellesmere Port in Cheshire.

He said: "I feel very proud. I bought my own kart this year, instead of renting one, and I think it's made all the difference." Daryl, of Buckland Close, Heath Hayes, has been karting since he was 15 while still a student at Kingsmead Technology College in Hednesford.

He says his fiancée Lynsey MacDonald and their daughters, Mollie, 13, and two-year-old Keeley enjoy the sport as much as he does. "Lynsey's very understanding of the time I spend karting," he said.

"She comes with me to most of the meetings and our two daughters were there to see me pick up the trophy. It was great to have my three girls there."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Church to host children's party

A CANNOCK church is hosting a free Christmas party for children aged three to 11-years-old.

The Ignite Christmas party, hosted by Create-Church:Cannock at Littleton Green Community School, Huntington, is on Sunday with games, activities, a visit from Santa and a gift for each child.

Registration starts from 10am and the party will finish at 11.30am. Refreshments will be available for parents and carers. To book a place, visit www.createchurchcannock.co.uk/christmas-party/

Unions in call on minimum wage

UNION leaders have called for larger fines after a Hednesford business was 'named and shamed' for failing to pay the minimum wage.

Premier Autos Ltd was found to have neglected to pay £339.12 to a worker.

TUC Midlands regional secretary Lee Barron said: "We need to send a loud and clear message to such employers that they have nowhere to hide."

"Greater fines are needed to stop rogue bosses abusing workers."

Book pinpoints city's past days

LICHFIELD author Neil Coley has published a book featuring a city event for every day of the year.

The Lichfield Book of Days provides a snapshot of some of the most important and notable happenings in the city's history.

Neil taught in secondary schools for 35 years before retiring in 2010, since when he has completed a Master's degree and enjoys writing about local history.

Floral work marks graduation day

SOUTH Staffordshire College's Higher Education students have graduated at Lichfield Cathedral.

The famous landmark hosted the graduation ceremony for the seventh year running.

To mark the occasion, floristry students from the college's Rodbaston campus created floral pieces to decorate the cathedral.

Fire wrecks shed

A SHED was destroyed in a suspected arson attack in Burntwood. It happened in Baker Close between 5.30 and 6pm on Thursday. Anyone with information should call 101 quoting incident 579 of December 4.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



THE tree fellers took down an old oak at the end of the road and invited us to help ourselves. So for the first time in years we hauled home ye old yule log and placed it by the front door as a sign of welcome. Snag is, people keep tripping over it, so it's not so much a yule log as a yule catch your foot on that log.

I HAVE decided to call our yule log The Milliband after Weird Ed was this week denounced by an unnamed posse of Labour malcontents. They claim he is "a liability on the doorstep."

I ADMIT our yule log cannot compete with the festive suggestion from BBC Gardener's World magazine - a wreath made of sprouts. I suggest you hang it on your door to greet visitors with the motto: "Look what the wind blew in."

MEANWHILE, from A Christmas Carol, published in 1843, Ebenezer Scrooge offers his thoughts on the Chancellor's 2014 autumn statement: "What's Christmas time for you but a time for paying bills without money?"

TWO of my neighbours with grandchildren have seen the new Paddington film and both report a) it is far too good for kids and b) when the film ended everyone applauded.

A READER reports the following: 1) cost of replacing broken zip in daughter's school skirt, £14. Cost of two new identical school skirts at local supermarket, £8. Thanks to globalisation, the old motto "make do and mend" has become make do and spend. It no longer makes sense to repair anything.



LORD Harries of Pentregarth, a senior bishop in the Church of England, says Prince Charles's coronation service should have a reading from the Koran. It seems likely that invitations will be sent to Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist and Jewish leaders. But hell, why stop there? Let's have a coronation that fully reflects the diverse beliefs of this great nation. I want Shakers, Quakers, Scientologists and druids. I want a flypast by elves and fairies, synchronised yoga by leprechauns and military drill by serried ranks of Jedi knights. I want witches and pagans and a special Coronation promise by the tooth fairy, a recitation by Prince Charles' talking shrubs, a sermon for atheists by Richards Dawkins and a reading by Psychic Sally ("I'm getting someone called Victoria, your majesty. She says she's very proud of you"). I suspect Charles' reign will be a batty sort of affair so let's start as he means to go on.

APPARENTLY we haven't quite got Black Friday right. We Brits love to mimic the Yanks and we have managed to do the whooping, cheering, door ramming and fist-fighting for cut-price goods. But a reader who knows the States tells me in American cities it is traditional to carry your cut-price goods as far as your car where they are taken off you by armed gangs. Maybe we'll do that next year, eh? One reader finds nothing at all amusing in Black Friday. "If there was a food shortage now," she says, "there would be no orderly queues as during the Second World War, just anarchy."

"NOW regions demand the same powers as Scotland," trumpeted one headline this week on the alleged enthusiasm for devolved power in England. I don't know a single normal person who cares tuppence about it. On closer inspection, the "regions" demanding greater powers (according to the headline) turn out to be not normal people but council leaders. No surprises there. The eagerness of bigwigs to become even biggerwigs knows no bounds.

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The cruel crime of badger baiting remains a problem



Wild bird eggs are often targeted by criminals

Battle against gangs who prey on wildlife

BY LAURA BLYTH

PICTURE the scene. It is the dead of the night, pitch black and not a single person in sight.

But wait, a group of men pull up in a van with a dog and they head into a deserted field.

When they get to the middle they pull out a huge lamp, turning it on and shining the light across the vast space until they hit the jackpot they are looking for - two small circles of colour. They have found a wild rabbit, hare or fox.

This illegal practice is called lamping and is rife in Staffordshire, according to the police. It is just one form of wildlife crime that officers have to deal with on a daily basis.

Pc Pete Clarke, a wildlife crime officer with Staffordshire Police, said: "Wildlife crime is a bit of an unknown quantity really.

"There are so many animals over such a widespread area.

Looking

"We are certain these things are going on every night. Some stuff just doesn't get reported to us."

Pc Clarke explained how lamping was widespread in the 1960s but is just as widespread now. He said: "Basically lamping is when someone goes out at night illegally. They have a great, big lamp and go into the middle of a field.

"Then they shine it all across the field. They are looking for rabbits, hares or foxes. They use a great big 12 volt car battery powered lamp.

"When the light hits an animal it shines off their eyes and is a bit like seeing cat's eyes on the road.

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Birds and animals on Cannock Chase are targeted

or disturbing of wild animals that are protected by the law.

Pc Clarke, who has been a wildlife crime officer for three years, added: "A lot of people simply do these things for the thrill of blood sports.

"There is a group of nasty individuals that commit these offences. Most are known for violence or have been done for possessing weapons in the past."

Poaching is a common practice that occurs on Cannock Chase. Pc Clarke said: "Poaching involves the illegal hunting, killing or capturing of wild animals. Dogs are usually used in poaching. People will poach rabbits and deer and game birds.

"Poaching laws date back to the 18th century. Some animals are shot, some stolen and some are stolen to be eaten. Poaching happens a lot on Cannock Chase. Poachers will use a van or a hatchback car



Police drone cameras are used to spot crime

to smuggle the animals into. They don't care, they will just bung the animal in the back." Badger baiting is also a problem in the area. Baiting, a blood sport, involves putting a badger up against a number of dogs in a man-made arena.

Pc Clarke said: "It's a spectator sport and people will bet on it. A badger will fight to the death."

Catch

For the fight to happen the badger has to be caught first. A badger sett is located and a dog, usually a small terrier, is put down a hole.

Hi-tech methods are used by the police to catch criminals in the act such as drones. The aerial camera, which is just 2ft wide, is able to fly 800ft into the air. Images are then sent in real-time back to a screen viewed by police officers on the

ground. Another form of wildlife crime sees wild birds targeted.

Thin nets are draped across trees to catch smaller birds or eggs are stolen from nests and sold on, quite often abroad. But far more extreme actions are carried out by criminals at a quarry in Staffordshire where Peregrine Falcons nest and lay their eggs, and raise their young chicks every spring.

Staffordshire Police carries out Operation Edge at Saredon Quarry in Sharnhall every February or March to catch them in the act.

Pc Clarke said: "People will use abseiling equipment to get down to the nests. That's how far they will go to get what they want. With wildlife crime we act a lot of the time on intelligence. It's such a difficult crime to keep on top of. We are heavily reliant on the public."

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Man went into pub carrying a sword

A MAN who walked into a pub carrying a Samurai sword has been ordered to undergo alcohol treatment.

Bernard McDermott pointed the weapon out in front of him in The Shrew in Market Street, Rugeley, and said 'I've done her', Stafford Crown Court heard.

The landlord told him he shouldn't have such a weapon and McDermott simply handed it over to him, Mr Nick Burn, prosecuting, told the court.

McDermott, aged 53, of Market Street, Rugeley, who admitted possessing a blade in a public place, was given a two-year community order with supervision.

Recorder Anthony Reynolds told him: "The sole purpose of the sentence is to address your drinking. You are basically drinking yourself to death at the moment.

"If you want to die early, carry on. If you want to sort yourself out, now is the time to do it."

Mr Burn said no-one had been injured during the incident on July 9 and the defendant's comment to the landlord had been plucked out of thin air.

McDermott told police that he had little recollection of the incident and did not know how he had come by the sword.

Sailor John's royal date

A CHASEWATER sailor had his outstanding volunteer endeavours recognised by the Princess Royal at the annual RYA Volunteer Awards in London.

The Chase Sailing Club's John Allsopp, from Streetly near Sutton Coldfield, was among 47 winners from their exceptional generosity and dedication to boating.

John received an RYA Lifetime Commitment Award and was presented with a commemorative medalion and certificate by the princess, who is president of the RYA.

Extra prizes

ORGANISERS of the Rugeley Lotto have announced that they are to introduce extra prizes. There will be a 'big win' first prize, a second prize of £50 and a third prize of £25. The move was agreed by members at a meeting of Rugeley Traders Association.

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Villagers help after playgroup burgled

A COMMUNITY is rallying support to help a pre-school get back on its feet after two burglaries.

Brownshore Pre-school Playgroup, in Hobnack Road, Essington, was broken into twice last month, with petty cash and two brand new Hudl tablet computers taken in the first break-in. The following weekend, the manager's laptop was stolen and the office wrecked.

Committee members Lori Ridgway and Lynn Taylor have started fundraising, setting up a Brownshore Just Giving page to pay for CCTV equipment, a replacement laptop, and replacement Hudl tablets.

Parish council chairman David Clift has offered a £100 reward for anyone who can provide information leading to a conviction.

Local businesses have also donated items for a Christmas raffle, and tickets can be purchased from the pre-school, through the Brownshore Pre-school Playgroup Facebook page, or by calling 07428 718531.

The pre-school is not-for-profit, offering low-cost education to young children of underprivileged families, and supports its running costs mainly through fundraising.

Tribute tree to get lit up

WEST Midlands charity Beacon, which has a shop in Cannock, has invited people who have lost a loved one to join in its annual memorial tree ceremony.

The Beacon Forget Me Not Tree will be lit today at a dedication ceremony and carol service at the charity's Sedgley centre, at 6.30pm.

The tree will sparkle with hundreds of lights over the festive season, each one representing the memory of a local loved one. Each light can be sponsored for a minimum donation of £5.

Call 01902 880111 or visit one of the charity's shops.

Whittington walk

CHASE & District Group Ramblers will set out on a nine-mile easy/moderate walk at Whittington on Sunday. Walkers should meet at Hednesford railway station car park for a prompt 9am departure. For further details, call walk leader Barry on 01543 684254.

Viewers alerted to television interference

TV viewers in Cannock Chase are being warned that their Freeview signal could be disrupted when new 4G masts go live in the district.

The masts, which are being erected to bring mobile broadband to the area, 'have the potential' to cause interference to television sets and set-top boxes that receive Freeview through an aerial.

If the 4G signals are not blocked they could cause loss of sound, 'blocky' images or the loss of some or all channels.

This is because some 4G signals operate at 800MHz, adjacent to the frequen-

cies used by Freeview. Now, not-for-profit company at800 – set up, and funded, by the leading UK mobile operators – is stepping in to ensure viewers can still watch Freeview, or are offered a suitable alternative when 4G at 800MHz services go live, at no cost to households.

Special postcards are being delivered to homes in Cannock Chase to explain how the problem can be rectified.

Ben Roome, CEO of at800, said: "New 4G mobile masts are bringing mobile broadband to Cannock Chase, but they do have the potential to disrupt TV reception for

some households. "We're already helping viewers in the area and continue to offer support.

"We want to ensure that people know it's our role to fix any disruption to Freeview due to 4G at 800 MHz and that there's no charge for our support."

Restore

With more 4G masts due to go live, any viewers who experience new disruption to Freeview should contact at800 on 0333 31 31 800 (included in mobile and landline call packages), 0808 13 13 800 (free from land-

lines, calls from mobiles vary in cost) or via www.at800.tv

If a viewer lives in a property with its own aerial, does not have satellite or cable television and 4G at 800 MHz is diagnosed as causing disruption to Freeview, at800 will restore their television service to its previous quality.

If at800 believes disruption to Freeview is due to 4G at 800MHz, it will arrange for an accredited installer to visit, check the cause and fit an approved filter to the TV system, at no cost to the viewer. In most cases, disruption will be fixed by an at800 filter.

Never too late – pair quit smoking after 50 years

A RUGELEY couple who smoked for more than 50 years have proved you are never too old to kick the habit. Pensioners Jean and Alan Gratton decided to stamp out the cigarettes after Mr Gratton was told by doctors he had weak lungs.

The pair previously smoked between 20 and 30 cigarettes a day before joining Time to Quit, an NHS 12-week stop smoking clinic. Mr Gratton, a 75-year-old retired lorry driver, smoked roll-up cigarettes throughout his working life and said being told by medics that he was ill was the scare he needed to quit.

He said: "I've got bad lungs and the last time I went to the hospital it frightened me, which gave me the idea to give up smoking and I'm glad I've given up."

In a bid to support her husband, Jean, 72, decided to quit too.

Mrs Gratton, who often smoked heavily in the evenings, said: "I gave up to support Alan."

"It wasn't fair for me to smoke around him when he was so ill."

"The clinic and our adviser have been brilliant – I would recommend it to anyone."

The couple attended sessions held at Cannock fire station.

Ian Saherton, Time to Quit service manager, said: "Success stories such as Alan and Jean's are a fantastic testament to how successful our 12-week courses can be."

Confidence

"Time to Quit is able to offer a wide range of support which is able to aid all sorts of smokers, even those who have been smoking for excessively long periods of time and may think that they wouldn't be able to give up."

Mrs Gratton said: "Being able to talk to a specialist adviser was brilliant. It gave me the confidence to fight my nicotine cravings and succeed."

"But we've also noticed that the house smells different, we haven't got smoke on the walls or in the curtains and food tastes so much better."

"We have little treats now. The money goes much much further."

Mr Gratton added: "We can buy things which we want, now that we aren't spending so much on cigarettes. If we see something we want, we'll have it."

Smokers are four times more likely to quit using the service, which has helped 3,832 people to successfully quit smoking in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent in the past 12 months.

For more information call 0800 043 4304.



Jean and Alan Gratton of Rugeley smoked between 20 and 30 cigarettes a day

NEWS IN BRIEF

Singers and band in church concert

THE Staffordshire Band and the St Stephen's Singers will be performing at a concert in Cannock on December 19.

A mix of carols and music, with something for all tastes, will be featured in the event at St Stephen's Church, in Bideford Way, starting at 7.30pm.

"Kenneth Gange will be conducting, with Pauline Gooch as accompanist, and Christine Armitage is the flautist," choir secretary Sheila Jackson said.

Tickets are £6 each and can be obtained from members of the choir or by telephone on 01543 577348.

Arboretum holds seasonal events

A host of festive events are being held at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire in the run-up to Christmas.

Vintage-style musical entertainment will be performed as guests enjoy a Christmas lunch today and on December 16 and 17.

Visitors can enjoy a Christmas Truce Walk on Saturday and Sunday and December 20 and 21. And candle-lit carols are being sung on December 20. Song books and candles will be available to purchase.

Plans for 72 new homes unveiled

PLANS have been lodged to build 72 homes in Armitage.

The properties would be built along the A513 Armitage Road.

The application has been made to Lichfield District Council by Birmingham-based Applicant Touch Rugeley Ltd.

The firm also proposes to carrying out landscaping work if the plans are given the go-ahead.

Calendar has tips for staying safe

A FESTIVE calendar that has 24 tips to keep people safe and healthy in the run-up to Christmas has been launched.

The calendar produced by Lichfield District Council is available from its Frog Lane reception and venues across the district. To find out more visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/xmascalendar

Committee time

CANNOCK Chase Council's environment policy development committee will meet in the Esperance Room at the Civic Centre in Beecroft Road, Cannock, today from 4pm. Call 01543 462621 for details.

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with Mark Andrews

To be fair, as far as we know, he did resist from calling the Archbishop a "sweaty, stupid little s***", so clearly the man is learning. But I still do not think he is the man to be lecturing the Archbishop about matters of religion.

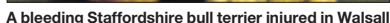
OH, and if you didn't know Foggy is this year's winner of I'm A Celebrity. It's not the bloke off Last of the Summer Wine. No idea who he is, mind.

The reasons listed included "He has a serial record for breaking and entering", and "He only works once a year".

Oh, do get over yourselves, please. Of course such stereotyping is unfair, and the card probably is in bad taste, but if we start directing so much anger at every dubious joke, what is left for the really serious stuff?

Let's face it, Black Country humour is based almost entirely on unfair and outdated stereotypes about flat-capped simpletons with funny accents, and we love 'em

Well, yo've gorra loff, as we say in the Black Country.



Owners get a kick out of cruel sport

One high-profile case, in 2008, saw Stephen Wood from Walsall convicted of having four pit bull dogs for the purpose of training them for fighting.

A two-year-old female Staffie-type was found dying on a towpath in Bentley, and a dog named Rocky suffering from 'the worst case of neglect' ever seen by local vets was rescued from Churchill



Sandwell councillor Ian Jones said: "There have been cases of horses frozen to the spot by their chain. We have had fly-grazed horses choking on their chains and have had to be rescued."

The most recent action in Dudley was taken in October when two horses were seized from council-owned land off Bryce Road, in Brierley Hill. The council also posts enforcement notices, warning anyone who may leave their horses on council-owned land that their animals may be impounded.

Gemma Stanford, of the British Horse Society, said fly-grazing had become a massive issue across the country and the BHS has been pushing for new, tougher, new legislation.

with Daniel Wainwright

The combined authority technically already exists. There's a West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority. That covers the four Black Country boroughs and Birmingham, who are signed up to the combined authority plan, plus Coventry and Solihull, who the others are trying to persuade to join them.

I mean the legal terms being used – ‘combined authority’.

But it's also a mechanism to draw and use whatever powers might be offered to the West Midlands through devolution. Failure to have the authority set up means we could fall behind – further behind – the likes of Greater Manchester.

Yet without those powers on the table many people aren't comfortable they don't yet know what is being signed up to on their behalf.

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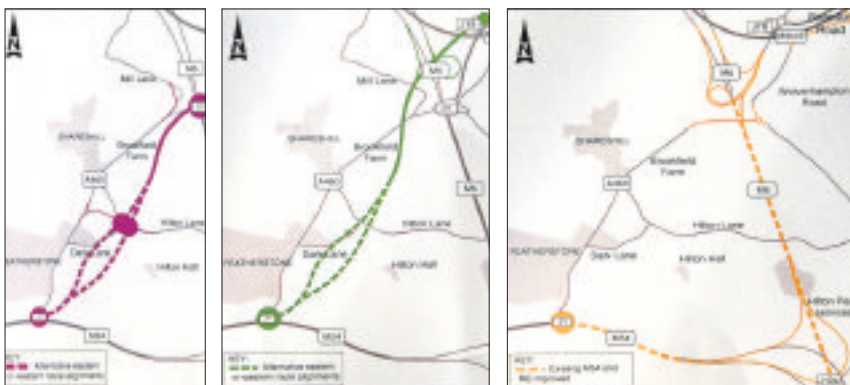
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Opinions divided over options for link road to ease jams in villages



Alternatives – the three options for a new link road that would join the M54, M6 and M6 Toll

NO clear favourite emerged from three days of public consultation on the preferred route for a link road between the M54, M6 and M6 Toll.

Everyone appeared to agree that the development was much needed to ease traffic congestion in Shareshill and Featherstone.

But each of the three alternatives presented by the Highways Agency had its supporters among the people who attended a display in Shareshill.

A decision on the final choice is expected by early next year when preliminary designs and further options on the precise path along which it will travel. There will then be a further consultation period before an application for planning permission is submitted in 2016.

Work on the road will not start until 2018 at the earliest and will take two years to complete meaning that it will

be finished in either 2020 or 2021. Local district councillors and parish councils in the area are understood to prefer the option in which the M54 is widened from Junction 1 to the M6 and the existing hard shoulder converted to a fourth traffic lane between junctions 10a and 11.

The alternatives are a new 1.5 mile road between M54 junction 1 and M6 junction 11 by passing Shareshill and Featherstone or to lengthen this by almost a mile taking the road from the M54 junction 1 to link directly on to M6 junction 8 and the M6 toll. The latter would require a flyover to carry the road above the A460. Barry Lander, aged 77, from Shareshill, who has lived in the area for 50 years said after viewing the plans: "I have gone for the direct route to the M6 and toll. I have nothing against the others but this seems the most sensible."

Councillor Bob Cope who represents Shareshill on South Staffs District Council disagreed and selected

the M54 widening option because 'it is simpler'. This was also favoured by Colin Smith, 74, from Featherstone and a local resident for 33 years. He said: "It uses up less land."

Peter Bowkley, 69, of Shreshill, preferred the link road going from the M54 to junction 11 of the M6 and declared: "It will cause minimum disruption to this area." Richard Tilston, 57, from Featherstone, said: "My initial thought is that the widening of the M54 is the best solution because it will have least impact." Ray Manning, 77, from Shreshill, said: "Taking the road from the M54 to M6 junction 11 looks the best option but what you need to be certain is a 3D model."

Bill Williams, 80, of Shareshill said: "The more you look at the alternatives, the more confused you get."

Rob Perkins from Wedges Mills and a Hatherton Parish Councillor for 20 years, said: "This is a clearly defined exhibition and now it is vital that as many local people have their say."



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I contacted the Hednesford branch and found out that any money or food donations are put to use for the Hednesford area, and not transferred to a central pot.

So I decided that was just what I wanted to happen and made a small donation and made up a food parcel which I took to the Hednesford branch, having confidence that it will help someone in my local area.

So if any of you reading this want to help someone in your local area please contact your local Salvation Army, who will be happy to receive any donation no matter how small.

KITTY
Hednesford

Fragile recovery is favouring the rich

THE Con/Dem plan to clear the deficit by the next election is in tatters. The deficit is expected to rise to around £100 billion this year. The more they cut the bigger it gets.

The gap between income and spending is plugged by borrowing. This adds to a debt pile of £1.45 trillion, equal to 80 per cent of nation income. The interest paid on this national debt is £1 billion a week.

George Osborne claims the economy is growing – with three per cent pre-

dicted this year. But it took until 2014 for it to get back to 2008 pre-recession levels, the slowest ever post war recovery. It is clear that the fragile recovery is favouring the rich.

Wages have fallen dramatically in real terms. Over the last year wages have risen by 0.1 per cent, well below living costs, and we have a 'low wage and hours' recovery. There has been an increase in the number of jobs, but many of these are zero hour contracts and minimum wage, with a big increase

in low income self-employment-Three million people are underemployed, not getting the hours they need.

The fall in living standards has had an impact on the budget deficit. The Government expected economic growth in more people paying tax, so they could close the gap between government spending and income. But this has not happened because wages are so low.

PAUL WITTON
Cannock

Winners must tackle debt crisis

MR P Witton suggests (December 4) that I gave opinions when I answered a reader who suggested that there is no difference between the Tories and UKIP.

He is quite brave. Despite being given five factual policy differences between the Tories and UKIP he says he cannot see the difference.

Ah well, there are none so blind as those that will not see. Perhaps I should have bored you with the other 30-odd differences?

He suggests that UKIP will support crippling benefit cuts and by implication Labour will not. I have news for him, Gordon Brown left us with debt of £750 billion, the Coalition has doubled it to £1.5 trillion. Whoever wins in 2015 they must address the debt crisis.

If they do not, the vaguely threatened benefit cuts will be nothing compared to what we will be forced to do by the money markets.

Grahame Wiggins,
UKIP PPC,
Cannock Chase

Businesses require access to vital skills

THE Prime Minister is right to strike a balance between the legitimate concerns of communities regarding immigration and the vital needs of businesses and the economy for workers. If we are to have wealth creation that benefits all, and long-term, great, sustainable growth, then businesses must have access to the skills they need and sometimes that means drawing on talent from outside the UK.

However, we do need a compromise that allows businesses to access the skills they need, without undermining our efforts to develop home-grown talent. For that reason we support the Prime Minister's efforts to attract higher skilled workers that can contribute to the economy – but this must go hand in hand with equipping young people with the skills they need to compete in a global market.

CHRIS PLANT
Director of Chase Chamber

Hospital has to be one of the best in country

I was admitted to the Stafford Day & Theatre Admission unit at Stafford Hospital last week for an operation under a full anaesthetic and I have to say the treatment I received from reception to discharge was absolutely excellent.

If I could mark them out of 10 I would give them 12. All of the staff were friendly, efficient, diligent, very professional and attentive. I cannot speak too highly of them, they are a real credit to the hospital profession.

They may have had bad Press in the past but if this is the standards throughout Stafford then they must be one of the best hospitals in the UK. I cannot thank them enough.

ROY WESTWOOD
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Flowers are fabulous

JUST a note once again to say thanks to the Flower Power Brigade for putting on such a wonderful display on our roads. Although the lovely flora has gone, as has the summer and autumn, already the plants are ready and waiting for the next phase in the gardening world.

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Lunch club venue had festive feel

Hednesford 'A' TG

AT the November Guild meeting members welcomed Jacqueline Smith from Nova Chocs.

She talked about the history of chocolate making, how she extracted the cocoa butter from the beans and how she handmade her chocolates. Everyone was very impressed with the sampling and many members bought some of her mouth-watering chocolates.

The club is holding its annual Christmas party and welcoming The Cherry Wood for entertainment at its December Guild meeting. Fifteen members of Luncheon Club met for lunch at the Hollybush.

They were all impressed with the waitress service and the excellent food.

Members gave the Santa Express and a visit to Father Christmas a miss but enjoyed the festive feel. The guild's choir members sang with the Federation Choir Christmas carol service at St Martins Church, Aldridge last Saturday.

Support for male charity

Cheslyn Hay TG

THE guild supported a man's charity for testicular and prostate cancer by selling moustaches.

The December meeting will be the Christmas party tea along with prize bingo. Any unwanted presents will be auctioned off in January.

Show cast sails the good ship lollipop



The Great Wyrley Townswomen's Guild variety show cast

GREAT Wyrley Townswomen Guild presented an old time variety concert at Great Wyrley Methodist Church to raise funds for their chosen charity, which this year is Acorns children's hospice in Walsall.

The concert was compered by the wonderful Leonard Sachs, aka Pauline Benton. The show comprised a mixture of comedy acts that included sketches, songs and sing-a-long in the old music hall style.

Songs included Underneath the Lamp-

Great Wyrley TG

light, Oh you Beautiful Doll and Good Ship Lollipop. The final was a rousing rendition of We'll Meet again.

The ensemble was assisted by several husbands and partners who ensured a smooth organised evening, and a good time was had by all.

How other countries remember

CHAIRMAN Val Beale welcomed members to the October meeting which was a Harvest supper of fish and chips.

Secretary Sue Evans organised a TV-themed quiz which was challenging and very entertaining. A vote of thanks was given by Hilda Hathaway.

Chris Gregory was the speaker for November and

Cannock Townswomen

she gave an interesting talk on 'Remembrance in other countries'.

She has visited many Commonwealth war cemeteries and shared her experiences with guild members.

Her research on the subject was very illuminating and included describing the

many losses which our allies also suffered in various military conflicts. Sharon Towers gave the vote of thanks.

The next meeting is the Christmas Party which is a buffet provided by members.

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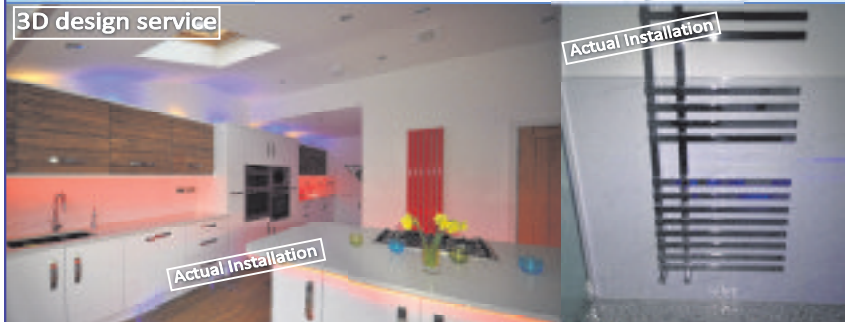
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Seasonal scene is the winning exhibit



Tony Guy, pictured at the exhibition with his painting, is presented with his award by chairperson Mary Carpenter

TONY Guy is the winner of the shield awarded for the Best in Show picture at Heath Hayes Art Society's exhibition.

His painting of a robin impressed the judges at the event at Heath Hayes Library.

He was presented with his award by Mary Carpenter,

chairperson of the society. Members of Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council acted as judges.

For further information about the art society, contact the library by calling 01543 279675 or email heathhayes.library@staffordshire.gov.uk

700 have say on gipsy sites

MORE than 700 people have put forward their views over plans for gipsy settlements in South Staffordshire.

South Staffordshire Council must find 33 new pitches by 2028 as part of a commitment to cater for the housing needs of all members of the community. A public consul-

tation launched six weeks ago initially met a muted response, with only 125 residents coming forward.

But in the final 10 days of the consultation around 600 people submitted opinions via the authority's website.

Andrew Johnson, director of planning and strategic services at the council, said: "The consultation finished on

November 24 and since then, officers have been busy collating over 700 responses. Once these have been recorded, the number of sites will be whittled down and specific sites identified.

"There will then be a further consultation on these sites next year. Any new development will also be subject to planning regulations."



Andrew Johnson

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Duty calls for all armchair marines

GAMES

By Leon Burakowski

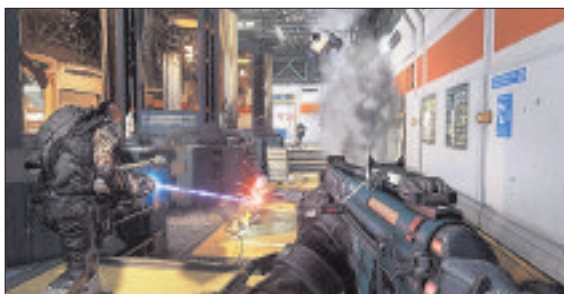
THE blockbuster Call of Duty franchise has been given a turbo-boost by the arrival of its latest incarnation, Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare (18).

This takes the all-conquering first person shooter video game 40 years into the future, the globe-trotting adventure beginning with a scenario of a North Korean invasion of its southern neighbour, with you among the US marines called in to even up the odds. Where this scores over last year's slightly disappointing CoD: Ghosts is the amazing array of future weaponry, such as huge walking tanks and swarms of killer drones. This includes the ultimate accessory, an exo-skeleton giving your average grunt super-human strength and speed.

Developers Sledgehammer have learned from other newly popular arrivals, such as Titanfall, whilst the publisher Activision has the big bucks to attract A-list talent Kevin Spacey to add his voice and image to the project, as the world's most powerful private military contractor.

Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare has superb visuals and wisely blends the traditional first person shooter elements that made the game popular in the first place with enough futuristic bells and whistles to keep franchise fatigue at bay. Reviewed on X360 and available on all major platforms.

Based on Nickelodeon's sequel to **Avatar: The Last Airbender**, **The Legend of Korra (12+)** is Activision's stylish beat-'em'-up game featuring a feisty two-fisted heroine and her polar bear/dog Naga. The game, as reviewed on PS3, is good looking in the anime style thanks to Bayonetta mak-



Futuristic firefight — a scene from Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare

ers Japan's Platinum Games and true to the TV show. The repetitive waves of enemies can get tedious but there is usually a new challenge around the corner to keep the player engaged as you utilise Korra's control of the elements to progress. It's also available for PC, PS4, Xbox One and X360.

Let's get ready to Rumble... the wildly imaginative **Digimon All-Star Rumble (7)** sees the Digimon monsters pitted against each other in a series of gladiatorial bouts, available in different modes, with 12 of the creatures to choose from. The action is fast and furious, bizarre and colourful in the latest addition to Bandai Namco's Digimon universe. The game is available for PlayStation 3 and X360.

For Nintendo 3DS, **Tenkai Knights: Brave Battle (7)**, also from Bandai Namco, is another game based on an animated TV series/toy tie-in with robotic hi-tech machines facing off against each other. But it is just too generic, too run-of-the-mill to please any but the most undemanding fans of the TV show, and doesn't really make the most of the 3D facility.

Adventure Time is without doubt the funniest and most surreal work of animated TV genius since *SpongeBob SquarePants*. In fact, the story of Finn the Human and Jake his shape-shifting dog and their adventures in the Land of Ooo is possibly the oddest TV show ever and I warmly recommend a journey into the world of children's TV to check it out. I wish I could say the same for it's latest game spin-off **Adventure Time: The Secret of the Nameless Kingdom (7)**, available for X360, PS3, PC and here reviewed on 3DS. It's a slightly retro top-down view puzzle solver but never quite employs enough of the TV show's hip humour to overcome a fundamentally dull game. Also from Little Orbit comes **Penguins of Madagascar The Video Game (3)**, a tie-in with the new movie, which is available for 3DS, Wii and Wii U and is aimed at younger gamers. Swap between the penguins and solve puzzles in the pursuit of their much-loved cheese puffs. It's not too demanding but the familiar Penguin humour adds to the enjoyment.

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FA chairman Greg Dyke and England manager Roy Hodgson will also be attending the event. The design for the memorial was chosen by The Duke of Cambridge and Arsenal footballer Theo Walcott from applicants to the Football Remembers competition which ran in schools across the UK.

William has been president of the FA since 2006. On the same day, he will be visiting St Basils Supported Accommodation in Birmingham and Holford Drive Community Sports HUB, also in Birmingham.

Chamber boss urges support for £2bn road improvements

CHASE Chamber director Chris Plant has called for widespread support for the Department for Transport's plan to upgrade the strategic road network.

"The strategic road network is vital to the UK, but for too long it has suffered due to piecemeal investment and constant changes to government policy," he said.

"This approach must change if we are to ensure the road network can cope with the ex-

By Laura Blyth

pected increase in traffic volume in the years ahead. A road investment strategy that sets out how the network will be upgraded over the long term will help businesses plan for the future and provide them with greater confidence in the government's commitment to improving the UK's infrastructure."

The plan will see £3.8 billion pumped into improving roads across the West Midlands. Trans-

port Secretary Patrick McLoughlin unveiled the £15 billion project in Parliament to improve the country's transport network.

A total of £1.4bn has been set aside for motorways and key routes in the West Midlands, including the M6 and M42. Seventeen schemes will be launched, creating around 900 construction jobs.

And a separate pot of cash – £2.4bn – will go towards maintaining roads across the Midlands.

Mr McLoughlin said: "Roads are key to our nation's prosperity. For too long they have suffered from under-investment."

Air ambulance in helpers bid

MIDLANDS Air Ambulance Charity has launched a campaign to encourage further volunteers to join the organisation.

The campaign, which stars life-saving flight paramedics stood shoulder to shoulder with some of the charity's volunteers, highlights how they help save lives in the region and asks the question 'Could you?'

Alison Hill, volunteer manager for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, said: "As we operate the largest air ambulance region in the UK, unfortunately there are still some areas of the Midlands where we have very few, if any, volunteers living locally, which is why we launching our new volunteering drive." To find out more about the charity, visit www.midlandsairambulance.com or call Alison Hill on 0800 8 40 20 40.

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The machines have been working in a variety of marine engineering projects, including flood prevention schemes on the Somerset Levels on behalf of the Environment Agency.

Mounted on floating pontoons, they are equipped with extra long excavator arms which allows them to dig down to 33ft. The deployment of the long reach machines comes a year after the natural disaster which left thousands of acres of land under water for months and cut off communities and left livestock stranded.

Expertise

The Government has been undertaking multi-million pound flood prevention work on the Levels and the most badly choked eight kilometres of the Rivers Parrett and Tone have been successfully dredged and are at least a third wider than they were seven months ago. More than 130,000 million cubic metres of silt have been extracted in the £6 million exercise and used either to improve local arable land or build up drainage banks.

Land & Water director Richard Maclean said: "We chose JCB for a number of factors. We are proud to support British manufacturer and the technical expertise from the JCB factory is superb. The machines are performing well and have been positively received in the field. Our customers also find them to be very rugged when it comes to fuel consumption."



A 14.5-ton excavator works on the Somerset Levels flood defences

Plea for restaurant sign

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Installation of an internally illuminated fascia sign at Anan Restaurant, 3 Bridge Cross Road, Chase Terrace;

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Kevin sets out stall for bringing story to book

HE went from running a market stall in Wolverhampton and Cannock to selling his business to Tesco for £530 million.

Now Wolverhampton-born entrepreneur Kevin Threlfall will reveal all in his autobiography *One Stop, One Life*.

The former Wolves director founded One Stop in the 1970s and it went on to have 1,215 stores across the UK.

Threlfall recounts his incredible rise from running a market stall to selling out to Tesco, to his time on the Wolves board and a near-death experience.

He describes his tale as the simple story of a 'Wolverhampton boy done good'.

After starting school at Elston Hall in Bushbury, Kevin then attended Birchfield Preparatory School on the Tettenhall Road.

Business

He took out his first market stall in Cannock in 1969 while waiting 12 months for a friend to finish school so they could study business in Canada.

"I was earning a bob or two and my friend decided against Canada so I continued the business," he said.

Kevin returned to his hometown to purchase a site in Pitt Street. It was to be the beginning of his Lo-Cost brand.

By the age of 27 he had sold Lo-Cost for £1.6m, started T&S Tobacco Ltd, a caravan spraying firm and owned four discos. His empire continued as he bought Preedy and Dillons from Next and along with his Supercigs business, collectively known as T&S stores, traded on the stock exchange in 1984.

When he sold his business to Tesco in 2002 the father-of-two was overseeing 200 Supercigs stores, 200 Dillons and 865 One Stops shops. T&S employed 6,000 people and was turning



Ex-Wolves director Kevin Threlfall



Kevin and wife Gill on their big day



Kevin made his name with the Lo-Cost discount stores

over £1bn a year. Kevin joined the Wolves board in 2006 and later agreed to set up a board to sell the club which was eventually bought for £10 by Steve Morgan.

After stepping down from the directors' box, Kevin's wife Gill spoke to him about writing a book on his rise and he decided, aged 65, to begin penning his story. Four months in, on

April 23 this year, while playing golf at South Staffordshire Golf Course, he collapsed and was technically dead for 40 minutes. But he has returned to full health and is now director and part-owner of narrow-boat holiday company ABC Leisure.

● *One Stop, One Life* by Kevin Threlfall is out now in hardback at £12.99 and Ebook at £9.99.

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Cycle ride boost for young footballers



The five riders on their 32-mile sponsored cycle journey held to raise money for new football equipment

FIVE intrepid riders from Wyrley Juniors Under 8s Pumas & Panthers boys teams completed a 32-mile sponsored cycle ride. The route from the FA's training national centre in Burton upon Trent to Wyrley Juniors FC's clubhouse in Long Lane, Essington, took four hours. The journey started in rainy conditions, but every rider managed to get home. One of them, Dean Jones, said: "My personal challenge was seeing through the pains of muscle cramps, achilles tendonitis in my left foot and just trying to overcome fatigue in the last five miles."

The intrepid riders raised more than £620 towards new football equipment for 20 young footballers.

Rent takes 29pc of pay

PRIVATE sector rents in Cannock Chase are swallowing up almost a third of tenants' wages, new figures show.

With the average monthly private rent now at £511 the ratio of rents to incomes in the district is 29 per cent, the National Housing Federation says.

The percentage, calculated as part of

research to find the most unaffordable places to rent in the West Midlands, is based on average annual earnings of £21,143 in the Cannock Chase area.

The most unaffordable place was Malvern Hills, followed by Stratford-On-Avon and Wychavon.

Private rents in Malvern Hills account for more than third (35.5 per cent) of people's wages.

Renters in Stratford-Upon-Avon and Wychavon are also spending over

a third of their salary on rent before they have covered any other bills.

This follows official figures showing that private renters now spend twice as much of their income on their housing costs than homeowners do.

A recent YouGov poll for the Federation found that almost a third (31 per cent) of parents in England who rent privately say housing costs prevented them from getting their children into their preferred school.

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- Cruise to Capri
- Tour of Amalfi coast
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- Visit to Naples Archaeological Museum
- Services of a tour manager
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The Bay of Naples skyline is dominated by the majestic and still-active Vesuvius, which rises to over 4,000 feet and has erupted in spectacular fashion several times in its history, including the obliteration of Pompeii.

In the cosmopolitan city of Naples the Archeological Museum houses some of the historical treasures excavated from Pompeii and Herculaneum. And of course, Pompeii itself, is astonishingly preserved and visitors are moved by the sheer scale and eerie atmosphere.

The journey around the legendary Amalfi coast, which is said to be Europe's most beautiful, takes in the cliff-clinging resort of Positano, the picturesque village of Amalfi itself and Ravello, where visitors can see amazing views over the coastline.

Capri, an island renowned the world over for its outstanding natural beauty, attracted Roman emperors and many famous people and it is not difficult to see why, especially with the chance to visit the famous Blue Grotto, a large cavern which can only be reached by boat.



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Berlin has a unique atmosphere created because of its remarkable history and of course this year marks the 25th anniversary of the fall of the infamous Berlin Wall which once divided the city in two.

The capital is one of the most vibrant cities in Europe, with many attractions to explore.

It is possible to see the difference between the old East and West Germany and even now Trabant cars, synonymous with the East, have been renovated and considered trendy.

The guided tour introduces visitors to the old heart of the city including Unter den Linden; the beautiful green area of the Tiergarten; the cathedral and the university, once numbering Albert Einstein amongst its professors; and the new seat of Government, the Reichstag, covered by an immense glass dome designed by Sir Norman Foster.

Price includes:

- Return flights
- Three nights bed and breakfast accommodation
- Guided tour of Berlin
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Then there are the symbols of Berlin, the Brandenburg Gate and what remains of the wall itself. However, the city is not all about war and politics, there are many parks to be explored and of course Germany is home to over 500 breweries with Berlin having its own fair share.

Away from the city the itinerary features a visit to Potsdam and the Sanssouci Park housing the palaces of the most famous Prussian monarch, Frederick the Great, including the well-known Palace of Sanssouci. This delightful palace now rises from the park and crowns a series of ascending terraces affording a panoramic view of the spectacular 740-acre park below.

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Tours of New and Old Delhi introduce the major sights. New Delhi is a wonderful city that clearly reflects the legacy of the British Raj. Surprisingly green, it is divided by wide tree-lined avenues with the Presidential Palace at its centre.

While in Old Delhi there's the Red Fort, one of the world's great fortifications with huge walls nearly two miles long. And the city is also home of the Raj Ghat, a memorial to the great Mahatma Gandhi.

For most, the highlight of the trip will be the chance to visit the Taj Mahal, undisputedly one of the world's most stunning buildings. Built from dazzling marble its colour changes from white to yellow, cream and almost to orange. Nearby is the 11th century Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Constructed from red sandstone, the building dominates the surrounding area.

A visit is made to Orchha to discover the 14 cenotaphs with parrots and vultures circling these mystical buildings and the chance to marvel at the palaces of the Orchha Fort complex and admire the fine architecture.

There's also the chance to see some of Khajuraho's remarkable temples, one of the seven wonders of India and another UNESCO World Heritage site. Originally 85 temples were built between the 10th and 12th centuries and today, 22 of these mystical shrines survive.

The tour of India concludes in the city of Varansi, a labyrinth of tangled alleys, shops and workshops and it's from here an exciting rickshaw trip down to the river gives an insight to the pilgrims washing in the holy waters and a boat trip takes in the incredible waterfront to witness the Aarti, an impressive Hindu ceremony.

Nepal is completely different to India, and a visit is made to the famous 14th century Boudhanath Stupa, one of the holiest Buddhist sites. Hear the gentle sound of chanting and praying filling the air.

Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, is one of the world's most naturally beautiful countries, set in a bowl-shaped Himalayan valley 4,500 feet above sea level. This captivating city and Nepal's cultural heart is surrounded by breathtaking snow-capped mountains and from here a flight, weather permitting, gives passengers the chance to photograph Mount Everest from the cockpit of the aircraft.

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Patients complain about hospital staff attitude

College stall raises £290



Students from South Staffordshire College selling jewellery, crafts and knitwear on the Newlife Foundation stall at the lights switch-on

STUDENTS at South Staffordshire College have been busy raising money for a local charity.

Five students from Rodbaston Campus sold jewellery, crafts and knitwear on the Newlife Foundation stall at the Cannock Christmas Lights switch-on event.

The Supported Learners with Disabilities students are on a Socialisation and Communications course and working towards independent living.

Newlife Events Manager Philippa Gregory said: "We are very grateful to these volunteers for helping us raise vital funds to provide special-

ist equipment for disabled and terminally ill children.

"Newlife supports hundreds of families each year through a range of equipment provision services and our volunteers are key to our success in transforming lives around the UK."

South Staffordshire College Lecturer of Art & Vocational Studies, Georgina D'Onofrio, co-ordinated the event and said she was delighted to announce that £291.02 had been raised by the students.

"I am absolutely over the moon with how well they have done," she said.

MISDIAGNOSED health problems, concerns about treatment and the 'attitude' of staff are among the most common grievances for patients, Britain's first hospital complaints league table has revealed.

It also shows that hundreds of complaints have been logged against hospitals in the Black Country and Staffordshire in 2013-14.

But just a small number ended up being investigated by the ombudsman service.

At Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust, there were 268 complaints and 25 enquiries to the Ombudsman. Seven were accepted for investigation with three fully or partly upheld. Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt said: "We want the NHS to be the safest healthcare system in the world - and we know, in the wake of Mid Staffs, that listening to patients is vital in helping to improve standards of care."

Investigates

"We asked the Ombudsman to publish this data as part of our commitment to improving transparency so lessons are learnt from mistakes and they are not repeated," he added. The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, which investigates complaints that individuals have been treated unfairly or have received a poor service from the NHS in England, has released the figures.

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Julie Mellor said that other reasons for complaints in this period were staff attitude, no apology when things go wrong, and unnecessary delay in treatment.

There were 354 complaints made to Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust and 33 enquiries to the Ombudsman. Of these eight were investigated and three fully or partly upheld. There were 402 complaints made to the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals and 69 enquiries to the Ombudsman.

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The video of the road worker has gone viral

Outrage as worker sets off flare at busy island

A SHOCKING video has emerged online showing a worker setting off a flare that exploded near to streams of heavy traffic on the Churchbridge Island in Cannock.

The 30-second footage shows a male worker repeatedly throwing a spade at a canister before it explodes, sending red smoke everywhere.

The video has gone viral, with more than 147,000 views on Facebook.

The Highways Agency today confirmed that those involved have received disciplinary action after councilors branded it 'disgraceful' saying road users could have been killed.

A spokesperson said: "Safety is a top priority for the agency and we take any breaches of health and safety on site extremely seriously."

"As soon as we were made aware of the incident at Churchbridge, our contractor carried out an investigation as a matter of urgency to confirm where they took place and who was involved. "The individuals involved were identified as being employed by our contractor and appropriate disciplinary action has been taken."

Actions

"We require our contractors working on the road network to adhere to a high standard of conduct. The Highways Agency will not tolerate breaches that compromise the health and safety of workers or road users."

The leader of Cannock Chase Council branded the workers 'idiots' saying their actions could have killed someone.

Councillor George Adamson said: "I am very shocked by such ridiculous behaviour. It is completely unacceptable."

"The roadworks at Churchbridge are essential but we shouldn't have the lives of motorists put at risk by idiot workers playing silly games. They could have killed someone."

Cannock South councillor Maureen Freeman called the footage 'disgusting'.

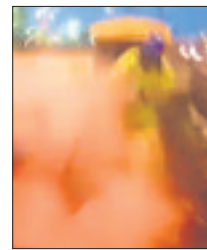
She said: "It is an absolute disgrace. That road is gridlocked all the time along there and while these roadworks are needed, for workers to behave in this



A worker wields a tool



He strikes an object



Red smoke floods out

way and put drivers at risk is disgraceful."

Staffordshire Police are involved and a force spokeswoman, Faye Casey, said: "We are aware of the incident and can confirm we are looking into the matter."

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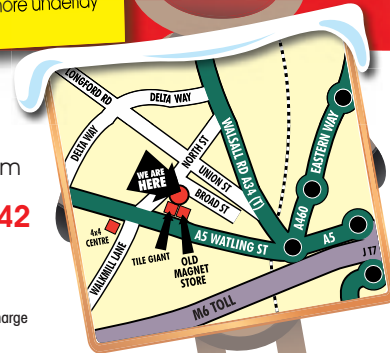
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Debate on library cutbacks

PROTESTS over cutbacks in Staffordshire's library service have triggered a debate at a county council meeting today.

Campaigners raised petitions against proposals for certain libraries to be run by volunteers. At the end of the consultation in October, Friends of Penkridge Library submitted a petition of more than 3,000 signatures to the county council.

Since then, the petition, which now contains more than 3,200 names from Penkridge, has been submitted to the Commons

by Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy. The petition urges Staffordshire County Council to keep Penkridge as a 'full-service library, staffed by trained librarians, offering a range of services, workshops and groups for all users'.

The campaigners say they see today's debate as the last opportunity to state that they believe the service should remain available with professional staff and funding throughout the county.

The debate can be viewed live at www.staffordshire.public-i.tv/core/portal/home

Extra patrols as parking fines fall by £240k

THE number of parking tickets issued in Staffordshire has plummeted, resulting in a loss of £240,000 in fines. Now, more traffic wardens will patrol close to schools and restricted parking hours will be extended under new plans to make the service break even.

From next year Stoke City Council will manage the service across the county with the aim of reducing costs. Currently district councils operate parking on the county's behalf. Responsibility for managing fines was handed to the county council by the police seven years ago after the offence was decriminalised.

But it has been running at an increasing loss across most of the region, with the county council underwriting the deficit. More motorists obeying the law has been given as the reason.

The number of penalty notices issued between April and September fell to 3,283 compared with 3,926 in the same six-month period last year. The tickets were split evenly between off-road and on-street parking.

The drop equates to more than 16 per cent fewer penalty notices being written and, of these, almost a fifth were cancelled after appeal.

Manage

Since its introduction the number of notices has dropped from more than 63,000 in its first year to fewer than 46,000 in 2012-13. Income has been dropping despite the launch of routine evening patrols and occasional Sunday patrols.

Cannock Chase, Stafford, Lichfield and South Staffordshire are all running at a loss. Cannock has informed the county council of its desire to opt out of the current arrangement and manage its own parking.

Council leader George Adamson said: "We told the county at the time that their system was not financially viable, and sadly we were proved right." The new service will operate from April 1 on a break-even budget.

Tourism jobs rise

AN extra 5,000 jobs have been created in Staffordshire in the past six years due to increasing tourism. The figure is revealed in a report to be presented to a county council meeting today. The visitor economy sustains 28,330 jobs, it says.

Youngsters looking forward to a treat



Santa at last year's event at Cannock Shopping Centre

CANNOCK Shopping Centre will be treating children to a special day of festive cheer on Saturday when Santa Claus himself is set to visit the centre. From 11am until 3pm, little shoppers will get the chance to meet Santa in a festive grotto located between Costa and Holland & Barrett.

Visitors will have the chance to take a photo with Santa and receive a free sweet. The grotto will be free to enter, although a small donation to the Rotary Club is suggested. Natal Chapman, centre manager of Cannock Shopping Centre, said: "We are delighted to have Santa visit us again at the centre in his own special grotto."

"It's lovely to see how happy children are when they meet Santa and have their photo taken."

"We would also like to thank Argos for kindly donating the trees used to decorate Santa's special grotto, especially as they have helped make Santa's visit even more special for our little shoppers and The Electrical Shop and 99p Plus Store for their generous donations towards the grotto."

'Get out' advice after tea lights start fire

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service is reminding people to 'Get out, stay out and dial 999' if they are in a fire, following an incident in Rugeley. One woman suffered minor burns to her hand as a result of the fire, which involved tea lights that had caught light to some curtains.

The incident in Taylors Lane, Rugeley, was attended by crews from Rugeley and Cannock.

Station Manager Alan Snell said: "The tea lights were burning in the window and caught light to the closed curtains. The woman, in the room at the time, then unsuccessfully tried to put out the fire before leaving the property."

"We never encourage people to try to put out a fire, the message is simple - get out, stay out and dial 999." The woman was treated by paramedics and had to temporarily move out due to the smoke damage. Crews left leaflets at neighbouring properties, urging people to book a free Home Fire Risk Check (HRFC) on 0800 0241 999.

Direct bus on the way

A NEW bus service linking Stafford, Rugeley and Lichfield is to be launched at the weekend.

The X25 will run hourly between 8am and 5pm Monday to Saturday, and less frequently at other times.

Dan Flanagan, area manager for Arriva, which is running the service, said: "Feedback from customers has highlighted the need for a direct link between Stafford, Rugeley and Lichfield. A direct service will mean journey times will be reduced."

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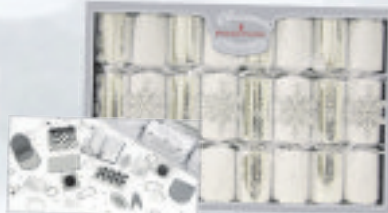


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FOCUS ON HEDNESFORD

Future of town's regiment reminder now set in stone

A SPECIAL parade and service have been held to mark the re-dedication of a historic memorial stone in Hednesford.

The coping stone was a feature on the old Drill Hall before the building was demolished to make way for Tesco in 2012. The stone dates back to when the hall in Victoria Street was first opened in 1894.

It also features the South Staffordshire Regiment cap badge. Around 120 people attended the unveiling ceremony at the Army Cadet Force building in Hednesford. Gordon Taylor, chairman of the Hednesford branch of the Staffordshire Regiment Association, said it was a fitting occasion to mark a special moment.

Great

He said: "The stone was broken into bits when it was removed from the old Drill Hall. It was in a really bad way. A Midland stone mason pieced it all together. "A lovely job has been done on the stone and we had a great turnout at the unveiling ceremony."

"We had around 120 people at the ceremony. Everyone had a lovely day. The stone deserves to be back in Hednesford and in Victoria

By Laura Blyth

Street." Mr Taylor served for six years in the 5th Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment from 1958 to 1964. He has been chairman of the Hednesford branch for more than 20 years.

A wreath was also laid at the ceremony and The Last Post was played.

A red oak tree was also planted in nearby Hednesford Park to mark the occasion and a dedication ceremony for that also held.

The tree was paid for by Hednesford Town Council.

The Drill Hall provided indoor training facilities, an armoury, indoor rifle range and accommodation for an instructor or caretaker. It was also used for recruiting.

The building closed in 2012. It later became a bingo hall.



Gordon Taylor, left, and Padre Paul Kelly at the re-dedication of the stone



A veteran at the service



Hednesford's old drill hall

Gym boss advises on sticking to a routine

A GYM manager in Hednesford has compiled an early list of tips on sticking to New Year health & fitness resolutions.

Jason Carter, general manager of PureGym Hednesford, says people should be thinking ahead to when they need to get fit or shed the Christmas weight.

His advice includes having a training buddy as you are more likely to go to the gym or for a run if you have a friend to go with; making an appointment as you will be more likely to attend; setting targets which are achievable so you are not tempted to give up after the first two weeks of January.

Jason also highlights the value of being specific in exactly what it is that you want to achieve – losing weight is not specific but losing 14lb is – and being able to measure your goal, for example, measuring routes so the improvements are clearer to see.

"Putting a time on things and splitting down that time really does help," Jason adds.

"If you want to run a 10km race in April, set your timescale for when you will run 1km, then when you will do 2.5km then 5km and so on.

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'Push the button' alert

PEOPLE are being urged to 'push the button' on their smoke alarms when putting up their Christmas decorations. Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service has issued advice for households all over the county. Head of risk reduction Glynn Luznyj said: "It is a great opportunity to check that your smoke alarms are working. We have seen many recent cases across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent where detectors have literally saved people's lives." Residents can sign up for a weekly email reminder to test their alarms. Go to www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/pushthebutton.asp

Campaign on abuse incidents launched

CANNOCK Chase Council is working with Staffordshire Police to re-run its successful 'It's Never OK' campaign this festive period.

The campaign, now in its fourth year, is running until the new year. The aim is to reduce incidents of domestic and alcohol related violence, as incidents of this type are known to increase at this time of year.

It delivers a strong message that 'It's Never OK to abuse your partner'.

Since the launch of the campaign in 2011, incidents of alcohol related violence have fallen by almost a quarter in the District and domestic violence by more than a third.

Councillor Mike Holder, portfolio leader for crime and partnerships, said: "It is recognised that tackling violence and other crime related issues are of great concern for the public and we aim to increase the public's confidence that we are trying to tackle this type of behaviour."

Reduction

The campaign aims to educate offenders, encourage victims to seek help and reassure residents that this type of behaviour will not be tolerated.

"The reduction in incidents in the district each year highlights the success of the work that the council, police and other partners are undertaking to reduce incidents of this type and to encourage victims to seek help. I am delighted to see this campaign back for its fourth year."

Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis, who is funding the campaign through his Locality Deal Fund, said: "Tackling violence - including domestic abuse - and putting the victim first is

a top priority in Staffordshire. I have significantly increased the funding that Cannock Chase District and other local areas have to make their communities safer so that important campaigns like this one get the support they deserve."

Chief Inspector Stephen Morrey, the local policing commander for the Chase District, said: "Christmas brings extra pressures for a number of people and families within our communities."

"The reality is that the police see an increase in violence and domestic abuse during the festive period and, as the campaign states, 'It's Never OK'."

Dickie James, chief executive of Staffordshire Women's Aid, said: "We are pleased that this campaign is aiming to encourage victims to contact us on our 24-hour helpline."

Richard Hughes, independent domestic violence adviser from Arch, said "Domestic violence happens to men too."

"We can offer emotional support, practical support, signposting and assist you to access specialist agencies or simply allow you the time to talk through your story. Don't suffer in silence."

Female victims should call 0870 2700 123, male victims 01782 205500.

Debt warning as families at risk of losing homes

ONE in every 106 households in the West Midlands region are at risk of losing their home, new analysis from Shelter reveals.

The research, based on data recorded by the Ministry of Justice, found that this is equivalent to 143 people in the region being put at risk of eviction or repossession every day.

The total number of possession claims in Cannock Chase is 300 - a rate of one in 136 ranking the district 17th highest in the region. The charity also identified hotspots where people are most likely to face losing their home. Sandwell was top with one in every 64

homes at risk of eviction or repossession, followed by Birmingham, one in 69, and Wolverhampton, one in 71.

Shelter is warning that sky-high housing costs are leaving more and more families teetering on a financial knife-edge. With little or no savings to fall back on, just one setback, like a sudden illness, can be all it takes to tip a family into a downward spiral towards losing their home, the charity says.

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Hidden depths of a snowy winter

WITH blizzards, snowstorms and freezing conditions having swept across North America, many older people will have thought 'we're for it next'.

For so often in the past, harsh weather conditions in the USA have been the harbinger of bitter cold and heavy snowfalls here in Britain. And with such thoughts whirling around our minds, memories often turn to the worst winters we have endured.

For me it was the winter of 1962-63. I was just six but still have vivid memories of that most icy of times. Heavy snow began falling on Boxing Day and soon afterwards fierce blizzards transformed the landscape, covering it with massive snowdrifts. Then came the big freeze.

I remember but when my Mom and Dad talked about bad winters they always highlighted the winter of 1947 and that is the one that June M Lloyd brings to mind.

She writes: "One night I found myself unable to sleep. Sitting down, sipping a hot drink my mind drifted back to my childhood. I was

MEMORY LANE

by Carl Chinn

eleven years old and lived with my parents and four sisters and brothers at 12 Bristol Hall Lane, Warley, Worcestershire, now known as Sandwell. The war was over but everything was still rationed. Mom had books of coupons for food, clothes, fuel. Well I awoke one morning to find there was deep snow everywhere.

"I looked out of my bedroom window; the snow was so deep it was right over people's front doors and windows. I woke my sister Sheila who was nine years old and told her to come and look.

"She was so scared when she saw the snow, that she ran downstairs crying for mom. I followed her downstairs to the kitchen, mom, dad and my other brothers and sisters were crammed into the kitchen.

"There was a roaring fire which kept sizzling as the snow melted above the chimney. How would we get out to the toilet? I asked mom, she said, 'You will have to use the white bucket in the bathroom until your dad and I try to unblock the back door.'

"Dad tried to clear a path to the coal house using the coal shovel we kept near the fireplace. Then my older brothers started to help him. It was like living in a snow house, I read about those at school. Dad and my brothers worked hard all that day and finally made a path to the coalhouse and toilet. The snow was piled so high you couldn't see the back garden.

"We could hear Mr Fletcher next door doing the same thing. There was a lot of cussing going on. Mr Fletcher's chickens were buried alive under the snow. He later shared them with us neighbours.

Struggled

"All the men and boys worked hard in our street all that day and the next day trying to make a path to the 'Two Brewers', a pub at the bottom of our street, and to Mrs Smith's grocery shop.

"It was so eerie walking between those banks of snow. 'I struggled back with the shopping, mainly tinned food, flour, butter, lard, bread and candles. It was a good job Mrs Smith had received a delivery the day before the snow came down. The radio came on and they said more snow was coming. No-one could go to work as the roads were blocked.

"The radio came on at eight o'clock that night warning people not to use their gas. This was in case they blew up. There were icicles on the windows upstairs so we couldn't sleep there.

"We dragged some mattresses downstairs to sleep on. The boys on one and us girls on the other. We had blankets over us as it was too cold upstairs. I think mom and dad slept in the bathroom."

June adds: "Mom banked the kitchen fire up with wet slack so it would stay in all night. We slept in the front room downstairs; it was so cold even our dog, Gyp, slept on our bed at night.

"We had to be careful with the food as there were no deliveries to the shop; no-one could get to work as there were no buses running.

"We listened to the radio for the news every night and played cards to pass the time. We had porridge for breakfast with salt on; dinner was powdered eggs, and bread and lard. The main meals were eaten by the grown-ups although we had soup and bread made from the chicken or rabbit bones.

"I remember dad breaking up some chairs and the wardrobe vanished from our bedroom to keep the fire going. We played out in the

snow tunnels sometimes, but not for long as it was so cold. All the neighbours helped each other and shared what food they had.

"Finally the council men were able to clear the main roads so that people could go back to work. Bread was brought round on a sledge pulled by a horse, fresh bread from Grant's bakery, it tasted wonderful.

"My brother Stan and I had to go to the coal yard at Smethwick to get some coal and coke. We had to pawn dad's suit first to get some money and I had to do mom's shopping on the slate until the wages were paid. It was hard work as the pavements weren't clear.

"It was very hard work helping my brother to push the pram full of wet coal and coke back home through the snow; still he did give me a ride in the pram going there.

"There was no schools open yet it was great fun building snowmen and throwing snowballs at each other. It wasn't dark at night either as the snow made everywhere lighter. The only sounds you heard over those weeks were the men clearing the snow away and us children shouting to one another.

"Otherwise it was so quiet; no birds were singing or flying around. I've never seen snow like that before and hope I never do again!

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Samatha Wilkinson, aged 21, in her equestrian shop

Saturday girl now owns the business

AS a horse-loving teenager she did work experience at an equestrian business – seven years later and Samantha Wilkinson is at the helm of the business.

The 21-year-old from Wednesfield began working at the shop in Shareshill aged just 14 and formally took over the business last month.

The young entrepreneur launched the renamed shop, Diamond Equestrian and Embroidery, at Brookfields Equestrian Centre, on October 4 and is thrilled with her success.

After taking part in a two-week placement, the former Coppice Performing Arts School pupil became a Saturday girl at the shop on Cannock Road, working part time until she had completed her exams.

Miss Wilkinson, who has five horses and has been riding since she was nine, said: "I started off like any Saturday girl, sweeping and cleaning."

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"Then they showed me the invoices and later trained me on the till. I began having a say in the stock ordered and learnt how to embroider."

She ended up working four days a week, but when her bosses decided it was time for them to move on, they offered the business to her.

Her mother Carol Wilkinson, works part time at the shop and said: "All the family are very proud of her, she has her head screwed on and has achieved all of this by herself."

Since taking over Miss Wilkinson has added a range of personal services including rug washes and repairs and clipper blade sharpen-



Samantha with Joey

ing. The ambitious young businesswoman already has her sights on expansion, including opening a second store.

"My aim within the next 12 months is to expand on the range of stock we have to include feed and to sell second hand jackets and saddles," she said.

"I am also looking into setting up a bit bank, where people can hire bits to try before purchasing. I am also hoping to become licensed to sell wormers and eventually I would like to open another shop. We have everything you need for a horse and I am building a website so we can sell online."

"I want to thank all my customers, they have been very supportive."

"My job now is to build the business up and make it bigger and better."

Former bobby handed award

A FORMER beat bobby in Cannock has been presented with a long-service award by Staffordshire Police.

Pc Gareth Lloyd received the Certificate of Commendation for his 'unwavering commitment and service'.

He joined the force in 1984 and after an initial period of training was posted to Cannock on foot patrol duties. He became a tutor constable in 1988, then in 1991 became a traffic officer before becoming a tutor for traffic officers in 1995.

A force spokesman said: "Pc Lloyd is one of the very rare officers that has spent the whole of his 30 years police service as a frontline

operational police officer."

A qualified advanced driver and motorcycle rider, he has been a regular addition to most royal/high-profile visits in Stafford. "He has seen many changes to the face of policing. However, he has stood the test of time and leaves the service as he joined it – keen, enthusiastic, committed, dedicated to the frontline," the spokesman added.

Other recipients of long-service awards include Sgt Darren Burney of Cannock police station and Sgt John McCreedy, a custody sergeant at Watling Police Station, both of whom received the 20 Year Medal.

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Chuckle time at next year's panto

THIS year's Grand pantomime has only just took to the boards but already next year's festive stars have been revealed.

The Chuckle Brothers will star in 2015 festive season's Grand Theatre pantomime, returning to the theatre for their first Wolverhampton panto in 22 years. They will star in Peter Pan, which kicks off a six-week run on December 12 next year.

This year's panto — Cinderella — had raked in £1 million before the show opened on Saturday.

The last panto appearance by the Chuckle Brothers at the Grand was Snow White and the Seven Dwarves with Linda Lusardi. Tickets for next year's panto go on sale today (Thursday).

Festive matinees at Symphony Hall

CHRISTMAS week will see afternoon festive concerts being held at Birmingham Symphony Hall.

On Monday, December 22, Jonathan Cohen hosts a Christmas Carol Sing-along from 2.30 featuring special guest Alison Jear, the London Concert Chorus and London Concert Orchestra. On Christmas Eve, from 2.30, the London Concert Orchestra are joined by Birmingham Choral Union and Staffordshire Children's Choir, plus guest tenor Ed Lyon, for The Glory of Christmas with music from Rutter, Handel, Schubert and Bach. See www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 345 0603.

Seann to be wild with comic as long as he goes to right city

Cinders already a success

PANTO season is with us once again and this year at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre it's Cinderella, which is set to beat box office records.

The show stars camp comic Julian Clary, Holly-oaks' Joe Tracini, former X Factor finalist Niki Evans and 19-year-old debutant Alice Baker as Cinders.

As he prepared for his role as Dandini, Clary explained his love of panto: "It is a true art form, something that is very different from anything else I do but at the same time one of the most enjoyable. For it to work the cast has to really feed off each other and bring the audience into play. You always get so many unexpected things happening in the panto world."

Grand Theatre chief executive Peter Cutchie said audiences could expect to see "a truly spectacular family pantomime". It runs until January 18.



Stars of the Grand panto Julian Clary, Alice Baker as Cinderella and Joe Tracini

IT'S all happening for comedian Seann Walsh at the minute.

The floppy-haired funnyman is on tour with a date to come in Wolverhampton. His debut DVD Seann To Be Wild has been released and two more series of the comedy panel show Virtually Famous — on which he is a captain — have been recommissioned.

All this on top of a sell-out run at the Edinburgh fringe. He really is living the dream.

"Stand-up was what I always wanted to do, since watching the likes of Whose Line Is It Anyway? as kid," said Walsh. It has earned him a Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year Award, a Chortle Best Breakthrough Act nominee and an award as Best Comper.

Wulfrun

With support from Mark Simmons, the comic says he is enjoying the tour so far, entitled Seann Walsh:28, ahead of a date at Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Hall on Thursday, December 18.

He promises this time he will turn up — and at the right venue, too. Recently Walsh was forced to call off a show, and apologise, when he arrived in Hereford instead of Hertford.

And, the last time in Wolverhampton, he says he was too ill to perform, though soldered on regardless.

"I had to sit down the whole time, I shouldn't re-



Comedian Seann Walsh

ally have been there," he said. "So if anyone saw that gig, it wasn't really me."

Offstage, Walsh is trying to add to his acting credits. He appeared in The Bill in 2007 and in the sit-com Big Bad World.

He writes, alongside his friend Henry Packer, but is happy enough to make a living from making people laugh, particularly as, in his words: "I don't really work too hard".

Tickets for the Wulfrun Hall gig, which starts at 8pm, are available on 0870 3207000 or at www.wolvescivic.co.uk website.

Slade party night among top gigs

THE Fab(ricated) Four come to Wolverhampton tomorrow night (Friday) when the Bootleg Beatles play the Civic Hall.

On the same night, next door at the Wulfrun, Chrisie Hynde of The Pretenders is in concert, after this year proving she's still a force to be reckoned with on acclaimed solo album Stockholm.

Expect a raucous night with Buster Bloodvessel and co when Bad Manners play the Robin 2 in Bilston tonight (Thursday). Guitar legend Michael Schenker plays the Robin 2 on Tuesday and then former Wyre Forest rock 'n' roller Mike Sanchez brings his Portions to Bilston on Wednesday. Then next Thursday Dave Hill and Don Powell's Slade have a Xmas party.

Comedy central at the Civic halls

THERE'S festive fun in store with a feast of comedy in the run up to Christmas. Wolverhampton is

comedy central, starting tonight (Thursday) when Omid Djalili brings his Iranalamadingdong to the Civic Hall. He is at the Symphony Hall tomorrow.

Jimmy Carr's Funny Business tour is at the Civic on Saturday and comedy veteran Ken Dodd performs Sunday. Lee Mack has sold out Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the Civic. Seann Walsh is at the Wulfrun next Thursday (see main article) and Roy Chubby Brown will be rude and crude at the Civic next Friday. Call 0870 320 7000.

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CHOICE



Simon Cowell

The X Factor (TV, 8.30pm)
This is it then – the first stage of the 2014 sing-off when we see who has the right stuff to walk away with the prize money. Not that winning the show matters that much of course; even getting through to this stage of the game can be such a massive boost to any aspiring TV presenter or reality star looking for a spot in the Big Brother house; next year's I'm A Celebrity... or even, dare we say it, a pop career of their own. As the judges repeatedly reminded us the other week, "Literally anything can happen". So, as the remaining acts battle it out in part one of the final, settle back and enjoy as the lucky few attempt to hold their nerve and sing for their lives. Your host is Dermot O'Leary, while Simon Cowell, Cheryl, Mel B and Louis Walsh will be passing judgement.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts. 12.00 BBC News: Weather. 12.10 Football Focus. 12.50 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 Gymnastics World Cup. 3.00 Cycling: Track World Cup. 4.30 Final Score. 5.10 A Question of Sport. (R) 5.40 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.
6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong quizzes eight chart-topping singers – Paul Young and Carol Decker, Sheila Ferguson and Dana, Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott and Keith Duffy and Mike Graham.
6.50 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the semi-final of the ballroom battle, in which the remaining five couples will be hoping to pull off their best performances yet as they tackle two dances each. Judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell give their verdicts on the routines, but the all-important votes from the viewers decide who will waltz into next week's final and compete for the glitterball trophy. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.
8.25 Atlantis. As the gang is chased round an ancient burial ground by an army of undead flesh-eaters, and Jason battles for his life within the caves.
9.10 Casualty. A ceiling collapse at the cathedral leaves several of the congregation trapped. Lolly helps a patient who thinks he is Jesus and Zoe catches Max spying on her and Dylan.
10.00 The National Lottery Live. Jenni Falconer is joined by supergroup McBest as she reveals the numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws.
10.10 BBC News: Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day. Dan Walker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Chelsea v Hull City at Stamford Bridge and Arsenal v Newcastle United at the Emirates Stadium; National Lottery Update.
11.55 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two.
1.15 Film: Black Eagle. (1988) 2.50 Weather for the Week Ahead. 2.55 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBBC. 11.00 The Blue Planet. (R) 12.00 James Martin's Food Map of Britain. (R) 12.20 Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey. (R) 1.20 The Rockford Files. (R) 2.05 Film: Funny Girl. (1968) Musical biopic of Fanny Brice, starring Barbra Streisand. 4.30 Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain. (R) 5.30 Restoring England's Heritage.
6.00 Secrets of the Castle with Ruth, Peter and Tom. Ruth Goodman, Peter Ginn and Tom Pinfold examine the ways in which every aspect of the construction of a castle required the stonemasons, blacksmiths and carpenters to co-ordinate their efforts – from making and sharpening tools, to processing wood, and securing timber scaffolding on the castle walls. Peter and Tom help fix the Guedelon water mill, which is having major teething problems, and the team follows the progress of the construction of a wooden walking bridge connecting the chapel tower with the Great Hall. (R)
7.00 Flog It! Adam Partridge and Catherine Southon value items brought into the town hall in Todmorden, West Yorkshire, while Paul Martin visits the Britten Pearsone Museum in Havorth.
8.00 Perry and Croft: Made in Britain. The concluding episode of the celebration of writing duo David Croft and Jimmy Perry, examines how the duo's comedies each encapsulated the end of an era. Last in the series.
8.30 Dad's Army. Jonesy's van runs out of petrol and the platoon is forced to spend the night in a spooky deserted house, where the men's imaginations soon run wild. (R)
9.00 Q&A. Extended edition. Sara Pascoe, Jack Whitehall, Adam Hills and Alan Davies attempt to answer host Stephen Fry's range of fiendish questions.
9.45 Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction. Dominic Sandbrook examines the use of time travel in the genre, from The Time Machine to Doctor Who. With David Tennant, Christopher Lloyd and Scott Bakula. Last in the series.
10.45 Film: Let Me In. (2010) Horror remake, starring Chloë Grace Moretz and Kodi Smit-McPhee.
12.35 Film: Forbidden Planet. (1956) 2.10 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan: Treks Adventures. (R) 7.05 Animals. (R) 7.10 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.15 Sooty. (R) 7.25 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 7.40 Text Santa: Little Helpers. (R) 7.45 Hulk and the Agents of Smash. 8.10 Text Santa: Little Helpers. (R) 8.15 Horrid Henry. 8.30 The Munch Box. 9.25 Dinner Date. (R) 10.20 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.15 ITV News: Weather. (R) 12.00 Storage Harders. (R) 12.20 Film: Columbo: Fade in to Murder. (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 1.55 Film: Mannequin. (1987) Fantasy comedy, starring Andrew McCarthy. 3.50 Film: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. (2004) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. 6.30 Regional Programme: Weather. 6.40 ITV News: Weather. 6.55 New You've Been Framed! 7.25 The Chase: Christmas Special. Bradley Walsh hosts a festive edition with actors Steve Pemberton and Ben Miller, Coronation Street's Paula Lane (Kylie) and Educating Yorkshire's Mr Burton. Last in the series.
8.30 The X Factor. They vowed the judges at the double auditions, survived the six-chair challenge and made it through nine weeks of live studio rounds. Now, the three remaining acts head to Wembley Arena to battle it out in the first part of the final. Viewers can also expect performances by some of the biggest names in the charts across the two shows, including Madonna if rumours are to be believed. At the end of the programme, Dermot O'Leary announces the results of the public vote and the contestant in third place is eliminated. Concludes tomorrow at 8pm.
10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. With former X Factor judge Tulisa Costantavos, actor and comedian James Cordan, Mad Men star Jon Hamm, Celebrity Juice host Keith Lemon and music by singer-songwriter Paloma Faith.
11.40 ITV News: Weather.
11.55 Film: Balls of Fury. (2007) The FBI recruits a washed-up former pimp-chang champion to infiltrate an underground tournament run by a criminal mastermind. Comedy, starring Dan Fogler.
1.30 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

**6.10 NFL: Rush Zone. 6.35 Trans World Sport. 7.30 Survival of the Fittest. 7.55 The Morning Line. 9.00 Weekend Kitchen. 10.00 Frasier. (R) 10.30 Frasier. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 The Simpsons. (R) 12.00 The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Cheltenham and Doncaster. 3.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.25 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.25 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.55 Channel 4 News. 6.00 100 Greatest Toys with Jonathan Ross. A countdown of the nation's favourite games, gadgets and playthings, as decided by a Channel 4 online poll. Inventors and toy-makers tell the inside stories of their creations and successes – including Action Man, Yahtzee, Barbie and Trivial Pursuit – while the children of yesteryear, namely today's celebrities, authors, actors and journalists, take a nostalgic look back at the toys they loved. Also revealed is the inspiration behind the design of the Raleigh Chopper, the unlikely individual responsible for the creation of one of the world's toughest action figures, and why the Vietnam War almost brought Britain's Matchbox car range to an end. (R)
9.00 Film: Hope Springs. (2012) Premiere. A middle-aged married woman feels her long-standing relationship with her unadventurous husband is becoming stale. When she hears of a marriage counsellor offering therapy sessions in his remote retreat, she persuades her reluctant spouse to join her for a week with the doctor rediscovering why they fell in love in the first place. Romantic comedy, with Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones and Steve Carell.
11.00 Film: An Officer and a Gentleman. (1982) A Navy recruit has an uneasy romance with a factory worker and is pushed to his limits by a tough sergeant. Romantic drama, starring Richard Gere, Debra Winger and Louis Gossett Jr.
1.20 Film: Q&A. (1990) Thriller, with Nick Nolte, Timothy Hutton and Armand Assante. 3.35 Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Ste returns to the village. (R) 5.45 NFL: Rush Zone. Animation about a young American football fan.**

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake! 9.45 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.20 Access. 10.30 World Strongman Championship. (R) 11.25 Film: Ice Age: The Meltdown. (2006) 1.10 Film: The Christmas Bunny. (2010) Premiere. Family drama, starring Sophie Bolen. 2.55 Film: Angels and Ornaments. (2014) Premiere. Romantic fantasy, starring Jessalyn Gilsig. 4.40 Film: Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan. (2010) Family drama sequel, starring Doris Roberts. 6.30 Film: Mistletoe Over Manhattan. (2011) Santa Claus's wife goes to New York to perform a Christmas miracle and give her husband fresh inspiration. She befriends a cop who is in the middle of a divorce and offers to become a mother to his children. She then discovers he still loves his wife, and tries to find a way to bring them back together. Seasonal fantasy, starring Tricia Helfer and Greg Kinnear.
8.15 My Crazy Christmas Obsession. Documentary following four American households who take festive decorations to the extreme, spending huge amounts of money, time and energy on their properties to bring Christmas cheer to their neighbourhoods. In Oklahoma, Shay has 168 trees of all shapes and sizes in her home, festooned with more than 50,000 ornaments and 100,000 fairy lights. (R)
9.05 5 News Weekend. 9.10 TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks. TV illusionists have been saving ladies in half, catching bullets between their teeth, reading minds and performing feats of escapology for decades. Channel 5 counts down the best, including the astonishing set-pieces of Penn and Teller, the mind-bending of Derren Brown and the street magic of David Blaine. It features spectacular illusions, such as making the Statue of Liberty disappear, intimate card tricks and the lighter side of the business, thanks to the inclusion of comedy great Tommy Cooper, Paul Daniels and Dynamo also appear in this magic compendium, with contributions from Joe Pasquale, Dick and Dom, and Stephen Mulhern. (R)
12.05 SuperCasino. 3.10 Gotham. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)**

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7.00 Ice Age Giants 8.00 Sex and Sensibility: The Allure of Art Nouveau 9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.50 The Richest Sons in the World 12.20 Sounds of the Sixties 1.20 Top of the Pops: 1979 1.55 Ice Age Giants 2.55 Sex and Sensibility: The Allure of Art Nouveau 3.55 Close
ITV2
11.20 The Cube: Celebrity Special 12.20 You've Been Framed! 12.50 Film: Twins (1988) 3.00 Film: Secret Santa (2003) 4.50 You've Been Framed at Christmas! 7.00 Film: Pearl Harbor (2001) 10.35 The Xtra Factor 11.35 Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special 12.35 The X Factor 2.35 Nicole Scherzinger: The Hot Desk 2.45 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen
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ITV4
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11.00 Melissa & Joey 1.00 Film: First Daughter (2004) 3.15 Rude (sh) Tube Shorts 3.30 Made in Chelsea 4.35 Melissa & Joey 5.30 How I Met Your Mother 6.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: The Mechanic (2011) 10.50 Rude Tube 11.55 The Inbetweeners 1.05 The Engagement Show 3.15 Rules of Engagement 4.00 Happy Endings 4.45 The 100
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Gary Lineker
Sports Personality of the Year 2014 (BBC1, 8pm)

If English football supporters can put aside for a second their disappointment over the failure of Roy Hodgson's men to make their mark in Brazil during the summer, it's been another remarkable year for British sport. Rory McIlroy won two of golf's major tournaments, Lizzy Yarnold secured gold at the Winter Olympics and Glasgow hosted the Commonwealth Games, at which Jo Pavey won a bronze medal in the 5,000m before being crowned the 10,000m champion at the European Championships. Cameras return to Glasgow for the Sports Personality of the Year event. Any of those could lift the trophy, but the smart money is probably on Lewis Hamilton following his second Formula One championship title.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Fern Britton Meets Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. **2.15** Homes Under the Hammer. **3.15** Escape to the Country. **4.15** Lifeline. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Pointless Celebrities. **5.50** BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

6.20 **Countryside.** The team is in the Cwyndylan range in north Wales, where Ellie Harrison meets schoolchildren running their own chicken farm and Matt Baker joins a conservation team in the uplands. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.20 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present as five become four, determining the line-up for next week's final, and there is a performance by Paloma Faith.

8.00 **Sports Personality of the Year 2014.** Gary Lineker, Gabby Logan and Clare Balding present this year's ceremony live from the Hydro Arena in Glasgow, where the successor to Andy Murray will be crowned. The contenders for the main prize include Rory McIlroy, who dominated the golfing scene and won two of the year's four Majors, Lewis Hamilton, whose victories on the way to title glory saw him surpass Nigel Mansell as the British driver to have won the most Formula 1 races, and Winter Olympic champion Lizzy Yarnold, who claimed gold in the skeleton. The other nominees are Gareth Bale, Max Whitlock, Adam Peaty, Carl Froch, Charlotte Dujardin, Jo Pavey, plus Paralympic skier Kelly Gallagher and guide Charlotte Evans. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.20 **BBC News: Regional News: Weather.**

10.45 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, including Manchester United v Liverpool and Swansea City v Tottenham Hotspur.

11.45 **The Apprentice.** (R)

12.45 **Film: It's a Wonderful Afterlife.** (2010) **2.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Animal Park. (R) **6.30** Match of the Day at 50. (R) **7.35** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **8.05** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** The Football League Show. (R) **10.20** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.50** Rick Stein's Christmas Special. (R) **12.50** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. (R) **1.00** The Rockford Files. (R) **1.50** Film: Funny Lady. (1975) Musical comedy sequel, starring Barbra Streisand. **4.05** Film: Emma. (1996) Jane Austen drama, starring Gwyneth Paltrow.

6.00 **Sports Personality of the Year at 60.** Gary Lineker presents a look at the history of the ceremony, which has become a sports and broadcasting institution since first being held in 1954. Former winners including Steve Redgrave, Princess Anne and Sebastian Coe recall their memories of the show. Des Lynas discusses his years presenting the awards and Sue Barker is among the contributors remembering the special awards given to the likes of Muhammad Ali and Bobby Robson. (R)

7.00 **James May's Toy Stories: Flight Club.** The Top Gear presenter investigates the enduring appeal of the model aeroplane and sets out to break the British record for the longest flight by a toy glider. (R)

8.00 **Film: What Women Want.** (2000) A freak accident gives a womanising executive the ability to hear the thoughts of the opposite sex. Embittered after losing out on promotion to a female colleague, he uses his new-found talent to exact revenge – but the insight it provides ultimately brings out an unexpected sensitive side. Romantic comedy, starring Mel Gibson, Helen Hunt, with Marisa Tomei, Alan Alda and Bette Midler.

10.00 **Russell Howard's Good News.** The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media. (R)

10.30 **Film: Mrs Henderson Presents.** (2005) A widow invests her fortune in an abandoned London theatre and defies censorship laws to stage a controversial nude revue. Fact-based comedy drama, with Judi Dench and Bob Hoskins.

12.10 **Film: A Walk to Remember.** (2002) **1.45** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.45** Holby City. (R) **3.45** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Treks Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Treks Adventures. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.40** Text Santa: Little Helpers. (R) **7.45** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.10** Text Santa: Little Helpers. (R) **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Dickinson: Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News: Weather. **11.30** Film: Problem Child. (1990) Comedy, starring John Ritter. **1.05** Tipping Point. (R) **2.05** You've Been Framed! (R) **2.35** The X Factor. (R) **4.40** Film: Death Becomes Her. (1992) Black comedy fantasy, starring Goldie Hawn and Meryl Streep.

6.35 **Regional Programme: Weather.** **6.45** **ITV News: Weather.**

7.00 **Catchphrase Christmas Special.** Former glamour model Katie Price, actor-presenter Warwick Davis and panto king Christopher Biggins line up to "see it and say it" as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in festive-themed animated clues and win thousands of pounds for their chosen charities. Stephen Mulhern hosts.

8.00 **The X Factor Results.** With part one of the final behind them, this is the last chance for the two remaining acts to impress the public in the race to become this year's X Factor winner. The judges offer their comments as usual, but the result is entirely in viewers' hands, and at the end of the programme, Dermot O'Leary reveals which of these aspiring pop stars will walk away with the prize of a record deal. There are also performances by more world-famous acts, sending the show out on a high. Last in the series.

10.05 **Film: The Holiday.** (2006) Two single women from opposite sides of the Atlantic find love after they swap houses over Christmas. Romantic comedy, with Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet, Jack Black and Jude Law. Continues after the News.

11.05 **ITV News: Weather.**

11.25 **Film: The Holiday.** (2006) Concluded.

12.45 **The Store.** Home shopping. **2.30** Motorsport UK. **3.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **4.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 NFL: The American Football Show. (R) **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.35** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Jamie's Comfort Food. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** Film: 10 Things I Hate About You. (1999) Comedy, starring Heath Ledger and Julia Stiles. **5.00** Film: Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian. (2009) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Ben Stiller.

7.05 **Channel 4 News.**

7.30 **Britain's Wildest Weather 2014.** This year, the nation has been hit by tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and ferocious storms, as well as the chilliest August in more than two decades, but the public has also enjoyed the hottest Halloween on record. This documentary presents eyewitness footage of an unpredictable 12 months featuring rescues at sea, homes struck by lightning, an escape for 500 cows, and sea foam that engulfs a bus. There's also a look at the science behind the wild weather events and why there may be worse to come.

9.00 **Homeland.** The security breach at the embassy has a number of far-reaching consequences as the fourth series of the CIA thriller continues. Claire Danes, Rupert Friend and Mandy Patinkin star.

10.00 **Film: Insidious.** (2010) A family driven from their house by a haunting discover the spirits have followed them to their new home and put their son into a coma. Horror, with Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne.

12.00 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** The host is joined by Stephen Fry and Clare Balding, talking about their new books, and Micky Flanagan, discussing his latest DVD. Plus, Gorgon City perform with Jennifer Hudson. (R) **1.00** American Football Live. Philadelphia Eagles v Dallas Cowboys (Kick-off 1.30am). Coverage of the week 15 fixture from Lincoln Financial Field, where the NFC East rivals face each other. **4.45** NFL: Rush Zone. Animation about a young American football fan who must protect shards of a power source called The Core, which is hidden in various NFL stadiums. **5.10** Face the Clock. (R) **5.35** Countdown. Words-and-numbers game, with Dictionary Corner guest Ariane Phillips. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Only the Little White Van. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. **7.50** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Wanda and the Alien. **8.35** Mio Mao. (R) **8.40** Zack and Quack. **8.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Access. (R) **10.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.40** Film: Dear Secret Santa. (2013) Romantic drama, starring Tatyana Ali. **2.30** Film: Deck the Halls. (2006) Christmas comedy, starring Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick. **4.20** Film: Paper Angels. (2014) Premiere. Festive drama, starring Josie Bisset.

6.15 **Film: A Christmas Kiss.** (2011) Premiere. An aspiring designer impulsively kisses a man she meets in a lift, only to discover he is her boss's boyfriend. She is given the task of decorating his house for a lavish Christmas party, but begins to fall in love with him – while he does not remember their previous encounter. Romantic drama, with Laura Breckenridge, Brendan Fehr and Elisabeth Rohm.

8.00 **The Abba Years.** Documentary exploring the success of the Swedish group, featuring interviews with the band members and footage of concerts and stage shows. Filmed in Sweden and London, the programme explores the flamboyant outfits, chart-topping music, successful spin-offs, marriages and break-ups. (R)

9.00 **Michael Buble's Christmas Special.** The Grammy-winning Canadian crooner performs classic festive songs. (R)

9.55 **5 News Weekend.**

10.00 **Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs.** A countdown of songs guaranteed to make any Christmas party go with a swing, including classics by the Jackson 5, Jona Lewie, Band Aid, Mud, the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl and Slade. (R)

1.00 **Abba: In Concert.** (R) **2.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** World Strongman Championships. (R) **4.40** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great TV Mistakes **7.30** Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide **7.40** Doctor Who: The Day of the Doctor **9.00** Top Gear: Polar Challenge **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Some Girls **12.00** Sweat the Small Stuff **12.30** How Safe Are My Drugs? **1.30** The Reluctant Will Be Televised **2.00** Some Girls

BBC Four
7.00 The Fairytale Castles of King Ludwig II with Dan Cruickshank **8.00** Rome: A History of the Eternal City **9.00** Pompeii: The Mystery of the People Frozen in Time **10.00** Pillars of Creation – The Sky at Night **10.30** Queen: Days of Our Lives **12.30** Great American Rock Anthems: Turn It Up to 11 **1.30** Sounds of the Eighties **2.00** Natural World Special: Miracle in the Marshes of Iraq

ITV2
11.00 The X Factor **1.10** The Xtra Factor **2.10** Kylie Minogue, The Hot Desk **2.25** Film: Santa Baby (2006) **4.15** Film: Beethoven's Christmas Adventure (2011) **6.00** Film: The Polar Express (2004) **8.00** Scorpion **9.00** Educating Joey Essex: Winter Essex-Pedition **10.00** The Xtra Factor **11.00** Through the Christmas Keyhole **12.05** Film: American Pie Presents: The Naked Mile (2006) **2.10** The Vampire Diaries

ITV3
11.35 A Touch of Frost **1.35** Rosemary & Thyme **2.40** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.50** Film: Columbo: Forgotten Lady (1975) **6.50** Inspector Morse **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Cracker **1.15** Film: The Count of Monte Cristo (2002)

ITV4
11.35 Film: Captain Newman MD (1964) **2.10** Film: Ice Cold in Alex (1958) **4.50** Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) **7.30** Storage Wars **9.00** Film: Doom (2005) **11.05** Film: Species: The Awakening (2007) **1.10** River Monsters **2.10** Nitro Circus **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4
12.30 Made in Chelsea **1.30** Film: Step Up 3 (2010) **3.50** Love (ish) The Shorts **4.00** Melissa & Joey **5.50** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.10** Bad Robots **11.40** How I Met Your Mother **1.15** Rules of Engagement **2.30** The Cleveland Show **Film4**
11.00 Dragonew Lives Massacre (1957) **1.00** The First Wives Club (1996) **3.05** Anastasia (1997) **5.00** Honey, I Blew Up the Kid (1992) **6.45** Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief (2010) **8.00** Good Will Hunting (1997) **11.25** Good Morning, Vietnam (1987) **1.50** Sweetgrass (2009)

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MONDAY

The Real St Nick, Channel 5, 2pm

An injured man is brought into hospital dressed as Father Christmas, and when he comes round, he claims to really be Santa, landing himself in the psychiatric ward. Romantic comedy, with Torrey DeVitto and Callard Harris. (2012)

TUESDAY

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, ITV, 7.30pm

The young wizard struggles to convince his fellow sorcerers that the evil Lord Voldemort has returned to life. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Gary Oldman, Michael Gambon and Alan Rickman. (2007)

Waterworld, ITV, 10.40pm

In the future, environmental disasters have left the planet flooded. A web-footed mutant mariner helps a woman and an orphan girl search for a mythical haven of dry land – but in the process has to fend off a villainous crew of nicotine-addicted pirates. Sci-fi adventure, starring Kevin Costner, Dennis Hopper, Jeanne Tripplehorn and Rick Aviles. (1995)



Waterworld, Tuesday, ITV, 10.40pm

WEDNESDAY

The Bandit of Sherwood Forest, Channel 4, 2.35am
The son of Robin Hood reunites his father's merry men to carry out a rescue mission at the request of the Queen Mother. Swashbuckling adventure, starring Cornel Wilde and Anita Louise. (1946)

THURSDAY

Mr St Nick, Channel 5, 11.40am

Father Christmas decides it is time to hang up his hat and hand the reins of the family business over to his son – who is less than enthusiastic about donning the famed red suit, throwing the future of the festive season into doubt. Festive comedy, starring Kelsey Grammer, Charles Durning and Elaine Hendrix. (2002)

FRIDAY

Shoot 'Em Up, Channel 5, 10.50pm

A gun-toting mysterious stranger delivers a baby, which he is forced to protect from a horde of heavily armed assassins. Enlisting the aid of a prostitute, he sets out to discover why the child has been marked for death. Action adventure, starring Clive Owen, Paul Giamatti and Monica Bellucci. (2007)

Jonathan is dishing out the gags and the gongs

Jonathan Ross fronts the 25th annual British Comedy Awards, and as you may have guessed, there's a wealth of comedic talent up for the assorted plaudits.

Among them is Joe Wilkinson, who's in the running with Matt Berry, Nick Helm and Harry Peacock for Best Comedy Breakthrough Artist.

The hirsute funnyman has become a TV regular over the last couple of years, popping up in sublime sitcom Him & Her, and assorted panel games, including Have I Got News For You and 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown (both of which are up for Best Comedy Panel Programme).

But how did the Kent-born actor and comic make the leap from graphic designer to professional rib-tickler?

"I kind of enjoyed it (graphic design), but my heart was elsewhere," he explains. "I'd like to say that I orchestrated it, and it was all a big plan, but I wasn't really."

Joe had wanted to try his hand at comedy, but thought it was a club reserved for other people, until one fateful evening.

"My local pub was putting on open mic stand-up nights, so I went on and thought maybe I'll try but I won't tell anyone, and it was genuinely to go, 'Right, I've done it. Like a bungee jump sort of thing.'"

After his routine, Joe was amazed when he was asked if he wanted to do it again in the coming weeks.

"I thought: 'Oh, I hadn't really thought about doing it again.' So I did that a few months later, and then someone else booked me and it just sort of kept going."

"People kept booking me and I have no recollection of my first gig. I'm almost certain it wasn't brilliant," he laughs. "So it sort of just carried on from there. I'd love to say I had my five-point plan. I'm still sort of winging it if I'm honest."

Back to the Awards, and given the fact Will Ferrell was worshipped at last year's bash, there's no surprise to find last year's Anchorman 2 in the running for Best Comedy Film.

However, in case you're wondering why your favourite show or film from late September 2014 onwards isn't in the running this year, there's a good

reason: programmes or performances must have had their first transmission in the UK between September 24, 2013 and September 22, 2014 on terrestrial, cable, satellite or digital channels.

Special gongs include The Writers' Guild of Great Britain Award (WGGB); Outstanding Achievement in Comedy; Lifetime Achievement in Comedy (the Python team may be in the running given their O2 gigs), and The King/Queen of Comedy.

Aisling Bea recently proved to be a superb guest on Never Mind the Buzzcocks, but will she manage to eclipse the likes of Bridget Christie, Isy Suttie or (2013 winner) Nina Conti in the Best Female Television Comic stakes?

Viewers should expect the unexpected, the unplanned and the unruly as some of the nation's favourite stars pick up their awards.

That remains to be seen, but one thing is for certain: as this year saw the passing of showbiz greats Robin Williams and Rik Mayall, there's bound to be a poignant moment as two of the best loved funnymen are remembered.



The British Comedy Awards 2014, Wednesday, Channel 4, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Bette Midler: One Night Only, ITV, 9pm

It's hard to believe that The Divine Miss M is a year shy of her 70th birthday – okay, so she's only just turned 69, we'll give her that – but in all this time in the limelight, she's never done a UK television special before. Until now. It's been 42 years since Midler released her debut album, so she's bound to have plenty of stories for us tonight, as she chats about her life and career. The Grammy Award-winner will also be performing her various hits, including Wind Beneath My Wings and From a Distance, as well as songs from her new album, It's the Girls, including a cover of The Ronettes' Be My Baby. The whole thing is hosted by Joanna Lumley.

Steph and Dom Meet Nigel Farage, Channel 4, 10pm

Steph and Dom Parker, owners of plush B&B The Salutation, have caused quite the stir on telly favourite Gogglebox. So what would happen if they were to come face to face with another of Britain's most opinionated personalities, UKIP's Nigel Farage? Wonder no more... This spin-off sees the Parkers joined by their local MP candidate, Farage, in a wine-fuelled evening, that's sure to leave him rather hot under the collar, thanks to all the questions they have got lined up for him.

TUESDAY

Black Mirror: White Christmas, Channel 4, 9pm

Charlie Brooker's dark drama series may seem like an odd choice to be given a Christmas special. However, there is a proud tradition of TV channels scaring us at Christmas, it's just that Brooker tends to do it via bleak visions of the future rather than ghost stories. This feature-length instalment brings us three yarns for the price of one, as in a remote, snowy outpost, charismatic Matt (Mad Men's Jon Hamm) and secretive Potter (Rafe Spall) swap tales about their lives on the outside world.

The Missing

BBC1, 9pm

Michael Palin's recent supernatural drama Remember Me may have been spooky, but some parents would probably argue that The Missing has been the most terrifying series of 2014. Poor Tony (James Nesbitt) only took his eyes of his five-year-old son for a split second in a crowded bar, but it was long enough for the youngster to disappear without a trace. Now, the investigation comes to an end, but will Tony, Emily and Julien finally get the answers they've been waiting for?

WEDNESDAY

Surprise Surprise, ITV, 8pm

Pop supergroup McBusted surprise one of their biggest fans with a performance on top of London's O2 arena, and former JLS member Marvin Humes makes a dream come true for an inspiring aid worker who came to the rescue of a Somerset village devastated by floods. Holly Willoughby presents.

THURSDAY

George Clarke's Amazing Christmas Spaces, Channel 4, 8pm

Architect George Clarke loves this series – it brings him into contact with some amazingly inventive souls who have dreamed up some mind-boggling projects, and usually on a budget. George rounds off the series with some builds with a Christmas theme. He's off



Bette Midler: One Night Only, Monday, ITV, 9pm

to visit a 130-year-old tin church, one of the earliest takes on flat-pack construction in the country. His mate Will Hardie takes a tour of another chapel, although this one has been transformed into a luxury home. The guys then help the UK's only female ice carver create a winter wonderland ice bar in Liverpool before looking back at their favourite builds of the series over drinks in Joel Favord's Shed of the Year-winning construction.

FRIDAY

Text Santa, ITV, 8pm

The festive fundraising extravaganza returns, with the evening's presenting duos – Ant and Dec, Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley, and Paddy McGuinness and Alesha Dixon – joined by a host of famous faces to raise money for six deserving causes. Highlights include George Clooney making a surprise visit to Downton Abbey, the residents of Coronation Street appearing in a comedy sketch with a Text Santa twist, and Ant and Dec hosting a Yule Tucker Trial for an unsuspecting celebrity while serenaded by a choir of former jungle contestants. The Birds of a Feather stars also get involved, The Cube welcomes some unexpected visitors and there are appearances by the casts of Mr Selfridge and Emmerdale, plus plenty of live music throughout the show.

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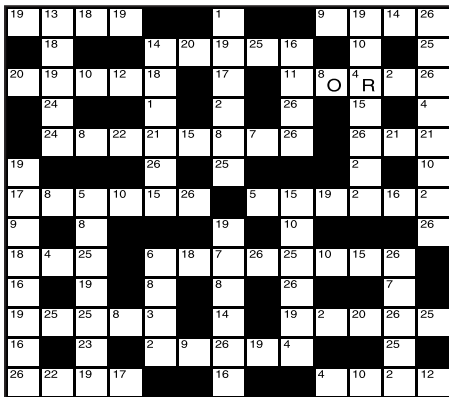
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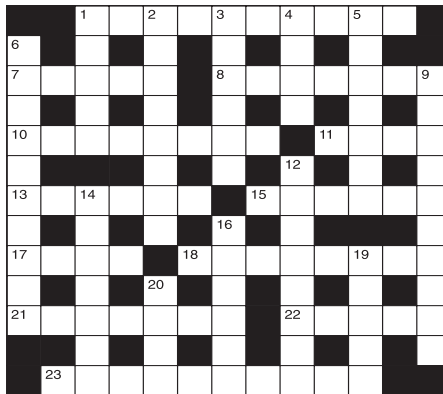
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- The Sahara Express! (5,5)
- Learner gets horribly sore, because he's been beaten (5)
- French brass-hat sounds warlike (7)
- Marks of sovereignty in various respects (8)
- This is used for shooting slow-moving creature (4)
- Furtively take one's leave of French settlement (6)
- Robber gang is in front of it (6)
- 17 & 18Ac.** A way of acquiring goods that sounds more expensive (4-8)
- See 17 Across
- One of the key players (7)
- Curses a shot that has gone astray (5)
- A storm seen to disturb a grampus (3-7)

Down

- The social distinction of dramatic characters, we hear (5)
- Record the hour, but make no progress (4,4)
- Make flexible part of a gun carriage (6)
- A combination of artist and engineer is seldom found (4)
- Indulged in some inspiration? (7)
- Union policy, maybe, shut down the store (6,4)
- Lines in illuminated letters? (5,5)
- Beware when the guard has gone forth! (5,3)
- Concern about horse for slaughter (7)
- Name the man who's very narrowly elected! (6)
- See 20 Down
- 20 & 19Dn.** He takes part on a set assignment (4,5)



Quick Clues:

Across

- Recover (10)
- Mountain ash (5)
- Case (7)
- Awful (8)
- Correct (4)
- Impel (6)
- Run (6)
- Sole (4)
- Unfounded (8)
- Rescuer (7)
- Lift (5)
- Competent (10)

Down

- Oarsman (5)
- Persuade (8)
- Preserve (6)
- Gown (4)
- Shoot (7)
- Voluntary (10)
- Done wrong (10)
- Unworried (8)
- Transfer (7)
- Structure (6)
- Throw out (5)
- Be idle (4)

Sudoku

	5	4		6				
		7		2		4	9	
	8			5	9			
	7				6	2	1	
4				7		1		3
		6		5				4
	3		6	9				2
2	1		7		5			9
					8	7		

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1	3	2	9	4	6	8	7	5
7	9	6	1	8	5	3	4	2
6	4	5	2	7	3	1	9	8
3	7	9	8	5	2	4	6	1
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2	6	8	3	1	4	9	5	7
6	5	3	4	2	8	7	1	9
9	2	1	5	3	7	6	8	4
4	8	7	6	9	1	5	2	3

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Capital; 7 Share; 9 Act; 10 Cross-wind; 12 Charge-hands; 15 Cheval-glass; 17 Hair style; 19 For; 21 Beans; 22 Haricot. Down: 1 Catch; 2 Fig; 3 Fair; 4 Show cause; 5 Grenade; 8 As well; 11 Shivering; 13 Relate; 14 Phrases; 16 Donor; 18 Leaf; 20 Bid. QUICK - Across: 6 Proceed; 7 Salad; 9 Fee; 10 Enlighten; 12 Persevering; 15 Indifferent; 17 Architect; 19 Try; 21 Steer; 22 Penalty. Down: 1 Order; 2 Act; 3 Keen; 4 Gathering; 5 Pageant; 8 Silver; 11 Delighted; 13 Safety; 14 Untruth; 16 Irate; 18 Crew; 20 Raw.

Quiz

- Which German Nazi was known as the Butcher of Lyon?
- By which name do we know the aquatic rodent Castor fiber?
- Which fictional hero was created by Baroness Orczy?
- Whose convalescent visit gave Bognor its Regis?
- Which fabric causes the lung disease byssinosis?
- Which popular cricket commentator died in January 1994?
- Who, in Greek mythology, was the father of Jupiter, Neptune and Pluto?
- Which author wrote J'Accuse, which concerned the Dreyfus affair?
- What relationship is Oliver Reed to director Carol Reed?
- Which city contains the residential district Beverly Hills?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 76 years; 2 Post scriptum; 3

Everton; 4 William Burroughs; 5 Felicity

Kendal; 6 Henrik Ibsen; 7 Jamaica; 8 Denis

Healey; 9 Greece; 10 Leicestershire.

Niner: PITEOUSLY

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1322 gives an animal,
57796 gives a bird,
5345678 gives a fish.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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RAWNSLEY ROAD

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Traditional Mid Terrace
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom

\$99,950**HUNTINGTON**
MEADOW CROFT

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Detached House
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining Room, Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- En-suite
- Rear Garden

\$159,950**CANNOCK**
CONWAY ROAD

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- > Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens

\$119,950**CHESLYN HAY**
SHORT LANE

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Semi Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms
- G.C.H.
- Upvc D glazed

Offers Around \$150,000**CHESLYN HAY**
KESTREL WAY

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Semi detached
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens

\$155,000**HUNTINGTON**
OAK AVENUE

**WE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014**

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Hallway
- lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- UPVC D.G. GCH

\$104,000**CHESLYN HAY**
FRENTHAM CLOSE

**WE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014**

- Semi Det House
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- 3 Beds, Bathroom
- Garage, G.C.H.
- Driveway, Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

\$139,950**HEATH HAYES**
BRISBANE WAY

**WE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014**

- Detached Family Home
- Hallway, Guests w.c.
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 5 Bedrooms, En-Suite

\$265,000**CANNOCK**
CENTRAL AVENUE

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Semi detached
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens

\$79,950**HEATH HAYES**
WOODFORD WAY

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Detached Family Home
- Porch, Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen, Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms

\$177,950**CANNOCK**
TRINITY CLOSE

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- First Floor Flat
- Lounge/ Diner, Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating
- Communal Parking
- No Chain

OFFERS AROUND \$52,500**HEDNESFORD**
HERONDALE

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- GCH, Upvc D.G
- No Chain

\$56,950**HEDNESFORD**
CASA MIA COURT

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Ground floor apartment
- Hallway
- Open plan
- lounge/kitchen
- No Chain
- Bedroom, Bathroom
- Upvc D.G windows

\$64,950**CANNOCK**
BRUNSWICK ROAD

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- First Floor Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- One Bedroom, Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- GCH, Upvc D.G
- EPC Rating C

\$74,995

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HUNTINGTON
THE PINES

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Double unit mobile home
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Guests w.c.
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking
- Ideal for semi retired

\$64,950**GREAT WYRLEY**
ANSON ROAD

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Semi Detached House
- Porch, Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2/3 bedrooms
- Bathroom
- G.C.H.
- Upvc D.Glazed

\$99,950**HEATH HAYES**
THE HEATH

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- First Floor Apartment
- Hallway
- Open Plan
- Lounge/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Upvc Double Glazed

MOTIVATED SALE \$99,950**HEATH HAYES**
TRANTER CRESCENT

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Detached Family Home
- Through Hallway, W.C.
- Kitchen, Utility room
- Open plan
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory

OFFERS OVER \$210,000**HEATH HAYES**
HOBBY WAY

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- FIRST Floor Apartment
- Communal Hallway
- Open plan
- lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom

OFFERS OVER \$100,000**HEATH HAYES**
VAN GOGH CLOSE

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- One Bedroom Maisonette
- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- Parking space
- UPVC double glazing

\$88,950**HEDNESFORD**
LITTLEWORTH ROAD

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Traditional Mid Terrace
- Porch, Lounge
- Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- G.C.H.
- Rear Garden
- NO CHAIN

\$109,995**WIMBLEBURY**
FOXTAIL WAY

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Mid Town House
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- G.C.H.
- Upvc D.Glazed
- Gardens, Garage

\$114,950**CANNOCK**
BIRCH AVENUE

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Semi Detached House
- Porch, Hallway, W.C.
- Through
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen, Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms

\$129,950**HEDNESFORD**
RAWNSLEY ROAD

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Traditional Mid Terraced
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- G.C.H. D.Glazed

\$109,995**NORTON CANES**
JEROME ROAD

**WE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014**

- Modern town House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- GCH, Upvc D.G.
- Allocated Parking

\$119,950**HEATH HAYES**
MILL CRESCENT

**WE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014**

- Semi Detached House
- Hallway
- Kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- conservatory
- two Bedrooms
- Bathroom

\$115,000

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CHESLYN HAY
LITTLEWOOD LANEWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Refitted Shower Room
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- G.C.H., Driveway

\$159,950**HUNTINGTON**
CAVANS WOODWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Mobile Home
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Garden

\$40,000**HEATH HAYES**
HEDNESFORD ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Mid Town House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen / Diner
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens

\$124,950**HEATH HAYES**
FREMANTLE DRIVEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens

\$124,950**CANNOCK**
CARLISLE ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi detached
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Utility
- 3 bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage

\$124,950**HEATH HAYES**
KIELDER CLOSEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom

\$123,500**HEDNESFORD**
SWALLOWFIELDS DRIVEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens

\$169,950**GREAT WYRLEY**
WALSALL ROADWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- DETACHED HOUSE
- PORCH, HALLWAY
- 3 RECEPTION ROOMS
- KITCHEN,
- CONSERVATORY
- 4 BEDROOMS
- BATHROOM, W.C.

\$330,000**CANNOCK**
AVON ROADWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- Fully Refurbished
- Semi Detached
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room, Guests W.C.
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Luxury Bathroom

\$132,000**CANNOCK**
TRINITY CLOSEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Flat
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- bedroom

\$52,500**BRIDGTOWN**
WATERBROOK WAYWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- End Terraced
- Through Hallway
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-suite, Bathroom

\$134,950**CHURCHBRIDGE**
LEACROFT LANEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Porch
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway

\$139,950**CANNOCK**
SKIPTON PLACEWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- Detached Bungalow
- Hall, Lounge, Bathroom
- Kitchen, Utility
- Conservatory
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- G.C.H.
- Upvc D.Glazed

\$189,950**HEDNESFORD**
BROADWAYWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- Dorma Bungalow
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 4 bedrooms, En-suite
- Bathroom, G.C.H
- Upvc D.Glazed
- Driveway, Gardens

MOTIVATED SALE \$149,950**CANNOCK**
POPLAR LANEWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- Detached Bungalow
- Porch, Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Conservatory, Bathroom
- Mature Gardens
- G.C.H. Upvc D.G

\$225,000**CANNOCK**
ROWAN ROADWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- Detached House
- Porch, Reception Hallway
- Guest W.C., Kitchen
- Lounge, Dining Room
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom

\$239,995**HEATH HAYES**
SWEETBRIAR WAYWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- 4 Bed Det Family Home
- Through Hallway, Guests w.c.
- Lounge, Study
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Dining Room
- En-suite, Bathroom

\$250,000**BURNTWOOD**
LONGFELLOW ROADWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- First Floor Maisonette
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms, Shower Room
- D.Glazed

\$79,950**CHESLYN HAY**
STATION STREETWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- Semi Detached House
- Dining Room, Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Dbl Bedrooms,
- 1 Being Loft Room

\$152,500**CHESLYN HAY**
WESTBOURNE AVENUEWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- Extended Semi Detached
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Integral Garage

\$142,500**CANNOCK**
ASCOT DRIVEWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- Semi Detached House
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen, Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gdns

\$129,950**HEDNESFORD**
SHARON WAYWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen/ diner
- Utility
- Guest W.C.
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom

\$139,950**CANNOCK**
JOHN STREETWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Fully Refurbished
- Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Shower Room

\$156,950**HEATH HAYES**
THE HEATHWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Apartment
- Communal Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom

\$99,950**FOUR OAKS**
LICHFIELD ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi Detached House
- Porch
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Six bedrooms

\$319,000**HAZEL SLADE**
RUGELEY ROADWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- Extended Semi Detached
- Porch, Hallway
- Lounge/ Diner
- Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway, Gardens

\$169,950**NORTON CANES**
NORTON TERRACEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- End Town House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom

\$112,500**CANNOCK**
GROSVENOR COURTWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- 1st Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Shower Room,
- No Chain
- Communal Parking
- Town

Offers Around \$60,000**HEDNESFORD**
PRIORY ROADWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- Semi Detached Home
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen, Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Car Port, Garage

\$129,950**HEDNESFORD**
SANDPIPER CLOSEWE HAVE SOLD
IN 2014

- Mid Town House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- D.Glazed, Parking
- NO Chain

\$94,950*"everything we touch turns to sold"*

HEDNESFORD
EBENEZER STREET


- Detached Cottage
- Hallway/Utility
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge,
- dining Room
- Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms

Offers around \$149,950
NORTON CANES
NORTON TERRACE


- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge,
- Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms,
- Shower Room
- Detached Garage
- Driveway
- Open Views

\$169,950
BURNTWOOD
SPINNEY LANE


- Detached Family Home
- 3 double Bedrooms
- New fitted Bathroom
- New fitted kitchen
- en-suite to Master
- Lounge diner
- Garage, driveway

OFFERS OVER \$169,950
HEATH HAYES
GRIEG COURT


- 1st Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Parking
- Econ 7 Heating
- 50% Shared Equity

\$39,950 50% SHARED EQUITY
CANNOCK
LANGDALE DRIVE


- End Town House
- Porch, Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- 3 Beds, Bathroom
- G.C.H. Upvc D.G
- Garage, Garden
- Driveway

Offers Over \$120,000
HEATH HAYES
SAPPHIRE DRIVE


- 4 Bed Det.
- Family Home
- Lounge,
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen,
- Utility Room
- Guests w.c.

\$229,950
HEATH HAYES
CANTERBURY WAY


- Detached House
- Through Hallway,
- Guests w.c.
- Lounge,
- Dining Room
- Kitchen,
- Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms,

\$184,995
HEDNESFORD
WOODLAND COURT


- Apartment
- Communal Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking

\$58,950
CHESLYN HAY
QUEEN STREET


- Semi detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage

\$159,995
GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD


- Semi detached
- Lounge, dining room
- Fitted Kitchen
- 2 double bedrooms
- study
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- GCH, Upvc D.G.

OFFERS OVER \$65,000
CANNOCK
SKIPTON PLACE


- Ground Floor Flat
- Porch, Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bedroom, Bathroom
- G.C.H.
- Upvc D.Glazed
- Gardens, Driveway

\$77,950
CANNOCK
WOODFORD END


- 1st Floor Maisonette
- Lounge / diner
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Parking
- Upvc D.G.

Offers Around \$67,950

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HEATH HAYES
SAM BARBER COURT


- First Floor Flat
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Parking
- EPC rating D

\$79,995
NORTON CANES
BROWNHILLS ROAD


- Mid terraced
- Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden

\$88,000
HEDNESFORD
VIEW STREET


- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Porch
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining Room,
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom

\$129,950
HEATH HAYES
CANTERBURY WAY


- 4 Bed Detached
- Through hall, Kitchen
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory,
- Guests w.c.
- En-Suite, Bathroom
- Gardens, Driveway

\$214,995
CANNOCK
HEDNESFORD ROAD


- Semi Detached House
- Hall, Guests w.c.
- Lounge,
- Dining Room
- Kitchen,
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms,

\$159,950
HEATH HAYES
WOODFORD WAY


- Semi Detached House
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen,
- Dining Room
- Utility Room
- 2 Bedrooms,
- Bathroom

\$132,000
CANNOCK
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD


- Semi Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- 3 Bedrooms
- D.Glazed, G.C.H
- Rear Garden

\$100,000
GREAT WYRLEY
ESTRIDGE LANE


- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens

\$124,995
CANNOCK
MATLOCK DRIVE


- Town House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens

\$94,950
HEATH HAYES
BADGER COURT


- First Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen, Bathroom
- Double Bedroom
- Communal Gardens
- Gated
- Allocated Parking

Offers Over \$75,000
CANNOCK
LANGDALE DRIVE


- Semi Det Dorma
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms,
- Bathroom
- G.C.H. D.Glazed
- Driveway, Garage

\$152,500
HEDNESFORD
BALMORAL COURT


- Ground Floor Flat
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- No Chain

\$57,000

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NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
NORTON LANE

- Extended Semi Det.
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Area, Sun Room
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Wet Room
- Detached Garage

\$240,000

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
BROOKLANDS AVENUE

- Detached Dorma
- Hallway
- Lounge /Diner
- Kitchen.
- Conservatory
- Laundry Room
- Bathroom,
- Shower Room

\$225,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES
GRIEG COURT

- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- New Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens

\$122,500

NEW

NORTON CANES
CHASEWATER WAY

- 3 Bed
- Detached House
- Through Hallway, Guests w.c.
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom

\$190,000

NEW

NORTON CANES
NORTON GREEN LANE

- 3 Bed Extended
- Det Family
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen
- Downstairs
- Shower Room
- Refitted

\$169,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
ORION ROAD

- Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Re Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens

\$125,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
MITRE ROAD

- Semi Detached
- Hallway,
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Sep W.C.

\$129,950

NEW

CHURCHBRIDGE
FORGE CLOSE

- 3 Storey Semi
- Hallway, Guests w.c.
- Lounge,
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms,
- En-suite
- Gardens, Driveway
- Bathroom

\$159,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
TRENT HOUSE

- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Town
- Centre Location
- Hall, Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen, Bedroom
- Bathroom
- G.C.H. D.Glazed

Offers over \$70,000

NEW

HUNTINGTON
COLLIERS WAY

- 50% Shared Equity
- Ground Floor Flat
- Communal Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms,
- Bathroom
- Communal Parking

\$56,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
FOSTER AVENUE

- Semi Detached
- Hallway, W.C.
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- 2 Dble Bedrooms
- Generous Gardens
- Investment property
- No Chain

\$114,950

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ALMOND CLOSEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- End Town House
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- 1 Bedroom
- G.C.H.
- NO CHAIN

\$97,995**HEATH HAYES**
HAREBELL CLOSEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- 3 Bed Semi Detached
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen, Utility Room
- Guests w.c.
- Bathroom

\$144,950**HEDNESFORD**
GREENHEATH ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Edwardian Semi Det
- Hallway, Study
- Sitting Room, Lounge
- Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility Room, Shower Room

\$165,000**CANNOCK**
BEVAN LEE ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi Detached House
- Hallway, Guests w.c.
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom

\$124,950**CANNOCK**
FALLOWFIELDWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi Detached House
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen, Utility Room
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- G.C.H. D.Glazed

\$109,950**CANNOCK**
STAFFORD ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Gardens
- Garage

\$225,000**NORTON CANES**
ST.JAMES ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garage & Workshop
- Gardens
- No Chain

\$122,950

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In 2015*

GREAT WYRLEY
AJAX CLOSEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Mid Town House
- Lounge, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- G.C.H.
- Upvc D.Glazed
- Gardens
- Garage

\$89,950**CANNOCK**
HEDNESFORD ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge/ Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage

\$249,950**HEDNESFORD**
HILL STREETWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens

\$129,950**HEATH HAYES**
WILLOW HERB CLOSEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- 3 Bed Detached House
- Hall, Lounge
- Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility, Guests w.c.
- Conservatory
- En-Suite

\$179,995**HEDNESFORD**
MOUNT AVENUEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom

\$56,500**WALSALL WOOD**
LICHFIELD ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Detached Bungalow
- Hallway
- Dining Room
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Detached Garage
- Gardens

\$249,995**HEDNESFORD**
MAYCROFT CLOSEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gardens

\$102,950**HEATH HAYES**
FAIRFIELD CLOSEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Guest W.C.
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom

\$175,000**HEDNESFORD**
RAWNSLEY ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Traditional Mid Terrace
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom

\$99,950**NORTON CANES**
BROWNHILLS ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom

\$115,000**HEDNESFORD**
CORSICAN DRIVEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage

\$174,950**HEDNESFORD**
WESLEY PLACEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- D.Glazed

\$80,000**HEATH HAYES**
CANNOCK ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Modern Mid Town House
- Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Rear Garden

\$109,950**CANNOCK**
DARTMOUTH AVENUEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Sitting Room
- Lounge / Diner
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway

\$197,500**SHARESHILL**
WOLVERHAMPTON ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens

\$144,950**GREAT WYRLEY**
WALSALL ROADWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Summer Room
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Three Bedrooms

\$299,950**HEATH HAYES**
CANTERBURY WAYWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Guest W.C.
- 4 Bedrooms

\$219,950**GREAT WYRLEY**
HOLLY LANEWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Extended Semi
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Utility
- 3 Bedrooms,
- Bathroom
- Garage, Parking
- Extensive Gardens
- No Chain

\$155,000**CANNOCK**
CHALFONT COURTWE HAVE MOVED
IN 2014

- Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking

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NEWMARKET ROAD

- Unfurnished
- Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- EnSuite
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garden
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£625 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
GREENHEATH ROAD

- Unfurnished
- Mid Terrace House
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- Garden
- EPC Rating E

£575 pcm + FEES - SORRY NO

HEDNESFORD
BEVERLEY HILL

- Unfurnished
- Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garden
- Parking
- EPC Rating E

£495 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
BRINDLEY CRESCENT

- Unfurnished
- Terrace House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£495 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
WOOTTONS COURT

- Unfurnished
- Mid Town House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garden
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£480 pcm SORRY NO DSS

BLOXWICH
MAY STREET

- Unfurnished
- Terrace House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garden
- EPC Rating D

£450 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
KENILWORTH COURT, MILL ST

- Unfurnished
- Ground Floor Flat
- Protected Access
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Close to Train Station
- EPC Rating D

£425 pcm SORRY NO DSS

HAZELSLADE
HAZELSLADE HOUSE

- Unfurnished
- Detached Cottage
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Study/Office
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£400 pcm SORRY NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
LINDEN VIEW

- Unfurnished
- Back 2 Back House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garage
- Garden
- EPC Rating E

£395 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
GREENSLADE GROVE

- Unfurnished
- Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£395 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

LET SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED

- Unfurnished
- Detached Cottage
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- Study
- EPC Rating C

£495 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

RUGELEY
LANEHEAD WALK

LET SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED

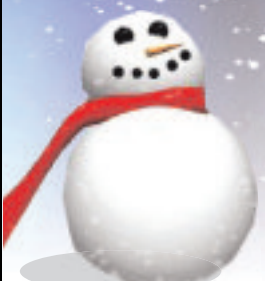
- Unfurnished
- Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£555 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

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A Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property

- Gas Central Heating
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- Off Road Parking
- Garage

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Cambrian Lane, Rugeley
A Three Bedroom Semi Detached House

- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Dining Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Garage

£110,000

St. Michaels Road, Brereton, Rugeley.
A Three Bedroom Semi Detached House

- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Separate Dining Room
- Ground Floor W.C.
- Shared Driveway

£125,000

Campbell Close Rugeley
A Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House

REDUCED

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Gardens Front & Rear
- Freehold

£99,950

Swiss Gables Cottage Mount Road Rugeley
A Five Bedroom Detached House

- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Double Garage
- Fully Enclosed Substantial Rear Garden

£449,950

Newman Grove Rugeley
A Three Bedroom Mid Terrace House

- Gas Central Heating
- Three Bedrooms
- Parking
- Rear Garden
- Freehold

£105,000

Rugeley, Burnthill Lane
A Four Bedroom Mid Terrace House

- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Partly Double Glazed
- Freehold
- Block Paved Driveway
- Fully Enclosed Rear Garden

£119,950

Newman Grove Rugeley
A Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House

- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Off Road Parking

£105,000

Plot of Land For Sale
Market Street, Rugeley

- Outline Planning Permission
- For A Three Bedroom Detached House
- Details Of Size Is Available

Offers In The Region of £60,000

Truro Close Rugeley
A One Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment

TO LET

- Electric Storage Heating
- Double Glazed
- No Smoking
- Unable To Accept Housing Benefit Applications
- AGENCY FEES APPLY

£400 PCM

Crosley Stone, Rugeley.
First Floor Flat

TO LET

- Two Bedrooms
- Close To Town Centre
- Overlooking Elmore Park
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- No Pets
- AGENCY FEES APPLY

£450 PCM

Durham Drive, Rugeley
A Three Bedroom Link Detached House

TO LET

- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Utility Room
- No Pets No Smoking
- AGENCY FEES APPLY

£595 pcm

Moss Green
A One Bedroom First Floor Flat

TO LET

- One Bedroom
- Double Glazed
- Garage
- Applicants On Housing Benefit Will Be Considered
- AGENCY FEES APPLY

£375 PCM

Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes
A First Floor Two Bedroom Flat

TO LET

- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- No Pets, No Smoking
- Unable To Accept Housing Benefit Applications
- AGENCY FEES APPLY

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- 4 Separate Offices
- Approx 619 sq ft (57.5 sq m)
- Kitchen & WC
- Car Parking
- EPC Rating F-139

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from

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Happy Christmas
and a prosperous 2015.

OFFICES

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- Modern Two Floor Offices
- Reception, Boardroom & 5 Offices
- Approx 1,460 sq ft (135.6 sq m)
- Car Parking
- EPC Awaited

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- To Let - Unit 1 Approx 9,989 sq ft (927.9 sq m) including offices. Rent: From £4.00 per sq ft pax plus VAT
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- Investment Sale of Site Approx 19,030 sq ft (1,767.9 sq m)
- EPC Awaited

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PENDRAGON HOUSE, RIDINGS PARK, CANNOCK



- Prestigious Office Suites
- Ground Floor Office Suite Approx 1,025 sq ft
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Allocated Car Parking
- EPC Rated C-59

RENT: From £6.00 psf plus VAT

INDUSTRIAL

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- Modern Specification Unit
- Approx 1,663 sq ft (154.5 sq m)
- Three Phase Electricity
- Minimum Eaves Height 5.5m
- EPC Rating D-89

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Peterborough Drive HEATH HAYES  <p>Four bedroom detached house set on large corner plot / Utility & WC / Family bathroom / Tarmac drive for up to three vehicles / EPC: D £230,000</p>	Brownhills Road NORTON CANES  <p>Four bedroom detached house / Situated on corner plot / En-suite to master / Detached single garage / Tarmac drive for two vehicles / EPC: C Offers in Excess of £230,000</p>	St Johns Close CANNOCK  <p>Immaculate three bedroom detached house / Set over three floors / Impressive open plan living area £230,000</p>	Myrtle Glade GREAT WYRLEY  <p>Three bedroom detached house / Quiet corner plot / Drive with parking for three vehicles / Separate garage / Private rear garden Offers in the Region Of £215,000</p>	Deavall Way HEATH HAYES  <p>Four bedroom detached house / Reception hallway / Dining area & kitchen / Utility, WC & integral garage / En-suite & family bathroom £200,000</p>	Cherrington Drive GREAT WYRLEY  <p>Three bedroom detached house / Good sized end plot / Parking for several vehicles / Kitchen-diner / Family bathroom / EPC: D £200,000</p>
Arch Street RUGELEY  <p>Spacious four bedroom detached house / Utility & guest WC / Integral garage / Block paved drive for several vehicles Offers in Excess of £200,000</p>	Kielder Close HEATH HAYES  <p>Extended five bedroom detached house / parking for at least cars / integral garage / spacious throughout / private rear garden £200,000</p>	Lakeside Drive NORTON CANES  <p>Three bedroom detached house / Conservatory / Large drive with parking for several vehicles / Separate garage Offers in Excess of £190,000</p>	Langholm Drive HEATH HAYES  <p>Extended four bedroom semi detached house / Large corner plot / Open plan dining kitchen / Conservatory / En-suite to master £190,000</p>	East Cannock Road HEDNESFORD  <p>Three bedroom semi detached house / Undergone extensive modernisation / Large conservatory with dining area / Workshop-garage Guide Price £187,500</p>	Cuckoo Close HEATH HAYES  <p>Two bedroom detached bungalow / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Lounge & kitchen / Inner hall & family bathroom / Paved drive for three vehicles / EPC: D Offers in the Region Of £180,000</p>
Huntington Terrace Road CHADSMOOR  <p>Three bedroom bungalow / Concrete print drive for several vehicles / Large garden / Separate garage / EPC: E Offers in the Region Of £179,950</p>	Pye Green Road CANNOCK  <p>Four bedroom semi detached house / Lounge-diner / Conservatory / Utility, WC & garage / Concrete print drive for several vehicles / EPC: D £175,000</p>	Teddesley Way HUNTINGTON  <p>Three bedroom detached house / Spacious lounge/diner / Integral garage / Driveway for two vehicles / Private rear garden £175,000</p>	Hobby Way HEATH HAYES  <p>Three bedroom three storey semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac location / Guest WC / En-suite to master / Garage Offers in Excess of £175,000</p>	Cannock Road HEATH HAYES  <p>Three bedroom detached house / Countryside views to the front / Kitchen-diner / Separate single rear garage / Enclosed rear garden / EPC: D Offers in the Region Of £165,000</p>	Dartmouth Road TOWN CENTRE - CANNOCK  <p>Two bedroom semi detached house / Family bathroom / Block paved drive for two vehicles / NO CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION / EPC: D £165,000</p>

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Meadowbrook Close HEDNESFORD  <p>Three bedroom town house / Set over three storeys / Set back from road quiet plot / Family bathroom & en-suite / Private rear garden</p> <p>Offers in the Region Of £164,995</p>	Huntsmans Walk RUGELEY  <p>Four Bedroom Link Detached / Ground Floor Annexe Bedroom / Conservatory to Rear / Private Rear Garden / Cul-de-sac Location / EPC: D</p> <p>£160,000</p>	Chapel Street HEATH HAYES  <p>Three bedroom semi detached house / Electric gated parking / Large garden & garage located to rear</p> <p>£155,000</p>	Priory Road HEDNESFORD  <p>Two bedroom semi detached bungalow / VACANT POSSESSION / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Lounge with dining area / Block paved drive for two vehicles</p> <p>£150,000</p>	Cecil Street CHADSMOOR  <p>Two bedroom detached bungalow / garage plus large drive with parking for several vehicles / good sized low maintenance rear garden</p> <p>£150,000</p>	Leighswood Close NORTON CANES  <p>Well presented link detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Offered for sale with NO ONWARD CHAIN / EPC: E</p> <p>£145,000</p>
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£500,000	£10,800	£4750	£6050

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Beverley Hill HEDNESFORD  <p>Two bedroom semi detached house / large corner plot / quiet cul-de-sac / spacious lounge / good sized front & rear gardens / driveway for two vehicle's</p> <p>£120,000</p>	Oxford Road CANNOCK  <p>Two bedroom semi detached house / Open plan dining kitchen / Good sized lounge / Driveway for three vehicles & private rear garden</p> <p>£120,000</p>	Silver Birch Road NORTON CANES  <p>Three Bedroom Mid-terrace House / Private Rear Garden / Off road parking on driveway / Breakfast kitchen</p> <p>£115,000</p>	Dorney Place CANNOCK  <p>Modern well presented two bedroom apartment / Quiet cul-de-sac location / Family bathroom / Allocated parking for one vehicle / EPC: C</p> <p>£110,000</p>	Cannock Road CANNOCK  <p>Three bedroom mid terraced / spacious / open plan living area / private rear garden / Ideal for first time buyers and investors</p> <p>£108,000</p>	Sandpiper Close HEDNESFORD  <p>Two bedroom semi detached house / Ideal for first time buyers & investors / Kitchen-diner / Allocated off road parking</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £95,000</p>
St. Johns Road CANNOCK  <p>Two bedroom end terrace house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Ideal for first time buyers and investors / Family bathroom</p> <p>£95,000</p>	Park Road TOWN CENTRE - CANNOCK  <p>Second floor apartment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Ideal for first time buyers / Allocated parking for one vehicle / EPC: C</p> <p>Guide Price £90,000</p>	Apple Walk HEATH HAYES  <p>Two bedroom second floor apartment / Lounge & kitchen / Allocated parking / Communal gardens / Ideal for first time buyers or investors</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £80,000</p>	Eskrett Street HEDNESFORD  <p>Spacious one bedroom ground floor maisonette / Ideal for first time buyers and investors / Allocated parking & communal garden</p> <p>£75,000</p>	Thistle Drive HUNTINGTON  <p>Three bedroom semi detached house / spacious lounge / modern kitchen / good sized rear garden / driveway for two vehicles</p> <p>Shared Ownership £60,000</p>	Riverside Court CANNOCK  <p>Modern ground floor apartment / Double bedroom & open plan living area / Separate study / Communal garden area</p> <p>Shared Ownership £50,000</p>

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34 ROWAN ROAD, CANNOCK



NEW PRICE

IMPROVED LINKED DETACHED THREE BEDROOMED BUNGALOW LOCATED IN POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC IN THE SHOAL HILL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN ADJOINING CANNOCK CHASE TO THE REAR
 ♦ Reception hall ♦ Separate toilet and shower room
 ♦ Lounge ♦ Fully double glazed
 ♦ Dining kitchen ♦ Gas fired central heating
 ♦ Three bedrooms ♦ Gas fired central heating
 ♦ Bathroom ♦ EPC rating 50
 ♦ Gardens at rear ♦ EPC rating 50
£189,950 FREEHOLD

QUOIN HOUSE, 158 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK



£750,000 FREEHOLD

AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE Providing Unique And Spacious Flexible Accommodation Which Has Undergone Extensive Refurbishment To Incorporate Many Contemporary Features The Property Occupies Excellent 0.34 Acre Corner Plot In
 ♦ Central reception hall ♦ Indoor/Outdoor heated swimming pool
 ♦ Three reception rooms ♦ CCTV and intruder alarm
 ♦ Refitted kitchen with sitting area ♦ Fully double glazed and Gas central heating
 ♦ Four double bedrooms ♦ Integral double width garage
 ♦ Three en-suites and family bathroom
 ♦ EPC rating 61

76 LANGDALE DRIVE, CANNOCK



THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOME Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre
 ♦ Entrance lobby ♦ Integral garage
 ♦ Lounge/dining room ♦ Gardens
 ♦ Kitchen ♦ Gas fired central heating
 ♦ Three bedrooms ♦ Fully double glazed
 ♦ Bathroom ♦ EPC rating 72
£132,500 FREEHOLD

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APARTMENT 1 SANDY COURT, SANDY LANE, CANNOCK



A SUPERBLY APPOINTED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN AN EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF LUXURY APARTMENTS LOCATED IN A PRIME RESIDENTIAL AREA OF THE TOWN IN SECURE GROUNDS WITH VIEWS TO THE SHOAL HILL DISTRICT OF CANNOCK CHASE
 ♦ Communal reception hall ♦ Secure gated off road parking
 ♦ Lounge area ♦ Gas central heating
 ♦ Fully fitted kitchen area ♦ Fully double glazed
 ♦ Two double bedrooms ♦ En-suite shower room
 ♦ Luxury bathroom ♦ EPC Rating 78
£179,950

167 HIGH STREET, CHASE TOWN, BURNTWOOD



NO CHAIN

NEWLY CONVERTED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Amenities
 ♦ Lounge area ♦ Gas Fired Central Heating
 ♦ Dining area ♦ Fully double glazed
 ♦ Kitchen ♦ Off road parking
 ♦ Bathroom ♦ No chain
 ♦ Two bedrooms ♦ EPC rating 77
£134,950 FREEHOLD

THE CROSSINGS
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THE CROSSINGS
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♦ 10 YEAR NHBC WARRANTY



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3	2	£139,950	AVAILABLE	FREEHOLD
4	2	£139,950	SALE AGREED	FREEHOLD
5	3	£149,950	SALE AGREED	FREEHOLD
6	3	£149,950	SALE AGREED	FREEHOLD
7	2	£139,950	SALE AGREED	FREEHOLD
8	2	£139,950	SALE AGREED	FREEHOLD
9	2	£139,950	SALE AGREED	FREEHOLD
10	3	£149,950	SALE AGREED	FREEHOLD

10 GLENCOE DRIVE, CHADSMOOR



NO CHAIN

SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Standing in Popular Location
 ♦ Porch ♦ Front and rear gardens
 ♦ Hall ♦ Gas fired central heating
 ♦ Lounge ♦ Predominantly double glazed
 ♦ Kitchen ♦ EPC rating 54
 ♦ Two bedrooms ♦ EPC rating 54
 ♦ Bathroom
£89,950 FREEHOLD

3 STONEY CROFT, CANNOCK



NO CHAIN

TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING A CORNER PLOT In Sought After Residential Location
 ♦ Reception hall ♦ Refitted shower room
 ♦ Lounge/dining room ♦ Gas central heating
 ♦ UPVC double glazed conservatory ♦ Fully double glazed
 ♦ Kitchen ♦ Detached garage
 ♦ Two bedrooms ♦ EPC rating 78
£225,000 FREEHOLD

84 STAFFORD ROAD, HUNTINGTON



NO CHAIN

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE Located Within Reach of Facilities At The Town Centre
 ♦ Sitting room ♦ Off road parking/possible garage space
 ♦ Living room ♦ Gas fired central heating
 ♦ Kitchen ♦ Predominantly double glazed
 ♦ Two bedrooms ♦ EPC rating 51
 ♦ Refitted bathroom ♦ EPC rating 51
 ♦ Gardens
£112,500 FREEHOLD

9 ROKHOLT CRESCENT, CANNOCK



£335,000 FREEHOLD

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED HOUSE

Offering Flexible Four Bedroomed Well equipped Accommodation Located In Popular Cul-de-sac In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

♦ Central reception hall ♦ Integral garage
 ♦ 2/3 Reception rooms ♦ Intruder alarm
 ♦ Kitchen/breakfast area ♦ Gas fired central heating
 ♦ 4 bedrooms ♦ Fully double glazed
 ♦ En-suite shower room and bathroom ♦ EPC rating 75

19 EASTGATE, RAWNSLEY, HEDNESFORD



NEATLY PRESENTED AND IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED INNER TERRACED HOUSE Within Easy Reach of Cannock Chase
 ♦ Kitchen ♦ Front and rear gardens
 ♦ Lounge ♦ Fully double glazed
 ♦ Conservatory ♦ Gas fired central heating
 ♦ Refitted Shower Room ♦ Off road parking
 ♦ Two Bedrooms ♦ EPC rating 76
£119,950

5 POPLAR LANE, CANNOCK



£289,950: FREEHOLD

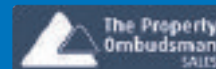
IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town Occupying Well Stocked Grounds

♦ Central reception hall ♦ Well stocked gardens
 ♦ Lounge ♦ Fully double glazed
 ♦ Dining kitchen ♦ Gas fired central heating
 ♦ Three bedrooms ♦ Detached garage
 ♦ Bathroom ♦ Heating
 ♦ Outside toilet ♦ EPC rating 56



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40 ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON



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Located In Private Drive

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Garage
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating 79

£206,950 FREEHOLD

APARTMENT 8 SANDY COURT, 3 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK



A SUPERBLY APPOINTED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN AN EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF LUXURY APARTMENTS
Located In A Prime Residential Area Of The Town In Secure Grounds With Views To The Shoal Hill District Of Cannock Chase

- Communal reception hall and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge with fully fitted kitchen area
- Two double bedrooms
- Luxury bathroom and en-suite
- Allocated parking space
- Communal grounds
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating 79

£179,950 LEASEHOLD

CHESTNUT HOUSE, 4 DENEFIELDS, PENKRIDGE



INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FIVE BEDROOMED FAMILY DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING IMMACULATELY MAINTAINED WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATION
Occupying Larger Mature Grounds Located In Much Sought After Cul-De-Sac Within This Popular Staffordshire Village

- Four reception rooms
- Double glazed conservatory
- Fitted breakfast room
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Five bedrooms
- Two bathrooms and shower rooms
- Double garage and extensive off road parking
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating 70

£595,000 FREEHOLD

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- 5 En-Suites
- Integral Double Width Garage
- South Facing Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Fully Double Glazed
- Intruder Alarm
- EPC Rating 86
- 10 Year NHBC Warranty

**PRICE: £875,000
FREEHOLD**



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44 MAYCROFT CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



WELL EQUIPPED IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOME
Located In Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Access to Cannock Chase

- Lounge
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gardens
- Possible garage space
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating 61

£125,000 FREEHOLD

6 CHESLYN DRIVE, CHESLYN HAY.



SEMI DETACHED THREE BEDROOMED HOUSE
Located In Private Drive In This Popular South Staffordshire Village

- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating 61

£150,000 FREEHOLD

56 ALDERLEY CRESCENT, WALSALL



TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOME

- Reception hall
- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens and off road parking for 2 cars
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating 73

£95,000 FREEHOLD

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22 STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD



INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities At Hednesford Town Centre

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- External utility/store room
- Well stocked gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating tbc

£169,950 FREEHOLD

22 VICTORIA STREET, CANNOCK



IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED LINKED DETACHED HOUSE
located In Popular Residential Area close To Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Sitting room and living room
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Cellar
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating 42

£156,950 FREEHOLD

HERON HOUSE

3 HEATHFIELD CROFT, CANNOCK, WS11 1RG



INDIVIDUAL ARCHITECT DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED IN PRIME SHOAL HILL AREA OF THE TOWN

EPC Rating 72

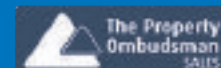
**PRICE - £465,000
FREEHOLD**

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12 CHALFONT AVENUE, CANNOCK
WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Of The Town
◆ Refitted/extended ◆ Garage
◆ Lounge/dining ◆ Gas fired central heating
◆ Landing ◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Three bedrooms ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
◆ Refitted bathroom ◆ EPC rating: 64
£625 pcm



7 BARLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD
ATTRACTIVE WELL MAINTAINED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area
◆ Lounge ◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Dining kitchen ◆ Gas fired central heating
◆ Built-on garage ◆ Gardens
◆ Two bedrooms ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
◆ Bathroom ◆ EPC rating: 66
£550 pcm



138 CANNOCK ROAD, BLACKFORDS, CANNOCK
THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACED HOUSE
Convenient For Local Facilities
◆ Dining room ◆ Gas central heating
◆ Sitting room ◆ Rear garden
◆ Kitchen ◆ Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
◆ Bathroom ◆ EPC rating: tbc
◆ Three bedrooms ◆ Fully double glazed
£550 pcm



7 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE
ATTRACTIVE THREE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
◆ Guests ◆ Oil fired central heating
◆ Lounge ◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Fitted kitchen ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
◆ En-suite shower room ◆ EPC rating: 76
◆ Family bathroom ◆ £665 pcm



6 ST MARYS CLOSE, SHARES HILL
WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In The Sought After Village Of Shares Hill
◆ Lounge ◆ Gas central heating
◆ Refitted kitchen ◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Dining room ◆ Built-on garage
◆ Study/family room ◆ Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
◆ Two bedrooms ◆ EPC rating: tbc
◆ Refitted shower room ◆ £675 pcm



1 GROUSE WAY, HEATH HAYES
IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE
With Well Planned Accommodation On Three Floors Within Easy Reach Of Facilities At Cannock And Heath Hayes Centre
◆ Reception hall & ◆ Family bathroom
◆ Two reception rooms ◆ Detached garage
◆ Double glazed conservatory ◆ Gas central heating & fully double glazed
◆ Four double bedrooms ◆ Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
◆ En-suite shower room ◆ EPC rating: 77
£900 pcm



104 FERNWOOD DRIVE, RUGELEY
SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities
◆ Ground floor entrance hall ◆ Predominantly double glazed
◆ Landing ◆ Economy 7 electric heating
◆ Lounge ◆ Sorry No DSS, Smokers or Pets
◆ Kitchen ◆ EPC rating: 40
◆ Two Bedrooms ◆
◆ Bathroom with WC ◆ £400 p.c.m



APARTMENT 5 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CROWN BRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE
WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located Conveniently For Penkridge Village Centre
◆ Lounge ◆ Gas central heating
◆ Fitted kitchen ◆ Allocated parking space
◆ Two bedrooms ◆ Intercom access
◆ En-suite shower room & bathroom ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ Fully double glazed ◆ EPC rating: 80
£550 pcm



5 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE
WELL EQUIPPED TWO STOREY TWO BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION
Located On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
◆ Open plan lounge/kitchen ◆ Oil fired central heating
◆ Landing ◆ Communal grounds
◆ Two bedrooms ◆ Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
◆ Bathroom ◆ EPC rating: 82
◆ Fully double glazed ◆ £615 pcm plus monthly service charge



147C BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES
WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities
◆ Lounge ◆ Double glazed
◆ Dining kitchen ◆ Gardens
◆ Conservatory ◆ Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
◆ Three bedrooms ◆ EPC rating: 54
◆ Bathroom ◆
◆ Gas central heating ◆ £675 pcm



15 BUCKTHORN CLOSE, HEDNESFORD
WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE Located At Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area
◆ Lounge ◆ Family bathroom
◆ Dining room ◆ All windows double glazed
◆ Kitchen ◆ Gas central heating
◆ Play room/sitting room ◆ EPC rating: tbc
◆ Guests ◆
◆ Three bedrooms ◆ £750 pcm



1 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE
SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
◆ Fitted dining kitchen ◆ Oil fired central heating
◆ Lounge ◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Inner Hall ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
◆ Two double bedrooms ◆ EPC rating
◆ Family bathroom ◆ £595 pcm

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HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD**


◆ Renovated three bedroom house
◆ Gas central heating and double glazing
◆ Lounge, Dining room
◆ Refitted modern kitchen
◆ Refitted bathroom
◆ Good sized rear garden
◆ Off road parking
◆ Viewing highly recommended
◆ EPC rating E
£116,000

**HEDNESFORD
STATION ROAD**


◆ One bedroom apartment
◆ Double glazing
◆ Modern refitted kitchen
◆ Lounge
◆ Double bedroom
◆ Refitted modern shower room
◆ Allocated Parking
◆ EPC rating F
£69,995

**HEATH HAYES
BANK STREET**


◆ Traditional four bed detached
◆ Gas central heating and double glazing
◆ Sitting room, lounge, dining room
◆ Refitted kitchen
◆ Master bedroom with en-suite
◆ Refitted family bathroom
◆ Garden to rear, No Chain
◆ EPC rating F
£180,000

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- Gardens, garage and driveway

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French flair, c'est si chic

By Ian Donaldson

It looks good in a cheeky, properly modern way and its little engine lives under the boot floor, to intrigue the techies among us; both features giving the new Twingo a promising start in life.

It's got a lot to live up to. Version one arrived in 1992 and was an instant hit, with just the right amount of French chic to sit it at the top of many twenty-somethings' automotive wish lists across mainland Europe.

The success of their baby may even have surprised its parent, for no right-hand drive was ever offered. Didn't stop some Brits buying, and loving, the left-handed model, whose comparative narrowness helped a helmsman sitting on the wrong side of the car.

Twingo II arrived in 2007, was available with UK-sided steering and sold tolerably well, despite losing its charm and looking like any number of other small family hatchbacks.

Now comes Twingo III and Renault has found its small car mojo again, with added practicality thanks to a bold decision to switch ends for the engine.

That move pays off in several ways, from allowing a stretched passenger cabin despite being shorter overall (and now with four passenger doors for the first time), to letting the front wheels turn much more sharply, for a turning circle that will make drivers chuckle the first time they make a U-turn on a narrow country road.

Other car makers stick to the usual front engine, front-wheel drive formula because

to change would cost a fortune. Renault can take the rearward route because it's sharing design costs with Mercedes-owned Smart, whose own version of the car is due soon, and looks like an update of the original, rear-engined cutie you see tucked into unlikely parking spots all over European cities.

Packing the engine away at the back doesn't badly compromise boot space, which can anyway be boosted by folding down the rear seats. The front passenger seat backrest flops forward too, allowing you to carry 'a Swedish flat-pack bookcase'. So that's the trip to Ikea sorted, then.

There are more storage areas in the doors and under the rear seat, although a wobbly lidded bin in front of the gearlever was soon dispatched to the rear in the test car as it snagged the driver's left leg.

Every new Twingo has four doors. Renault says the popularity of two-door city cars is falling by the month and has styled its new baby with hidden releases at the rear, for the more coupe look of a two-door but with added practicality. Mums with babies to clip into the rear will thank Renault particularly.

Prices of the new Twingo range from £9,495 to £11,695, with all but the dearest using the same 1.0 litre engine and clearly aimed at a life in the city. The most expensive version actually has a slightly smaller (898cc) engine but with a power boosting turbo fitted for more convincing out of town performance.

The smaller engine is expected to take most sales and was a charming companion on the test route that took in hills and city centre and a decent stretch of dual carriageway too.



'Renault has found its small car mojo again, with added practicality thanks to a bold decision to switch ends for the engine.'

It makes the familiar throb of other three-cylinder power units and, allied to a crisp gearchange and light steering, soon had this driver smiling at the brio of this little charmer.

The more powerful version was noticeably quicker but felt coarser and the gearchange and steering were less user friendly.

It did, however, record 46mpg on the briskly driven test route compared to a disappointing 40mpg of the smaller engine

Twingo, perhaps because it needed less peddle to the metal coaxing.

Like many new small cars, there is a world of personalisation for buyers, who can add different coloured parts all around the interior and body flashes and bolder alloys on the outside. Smartphones can be attached to a dashboard cradle, adding satellite navigation and your music library at a fingertip stretch. The top Dynamique trim of the test car includes cruise control, alloy wheels and air conditioning.

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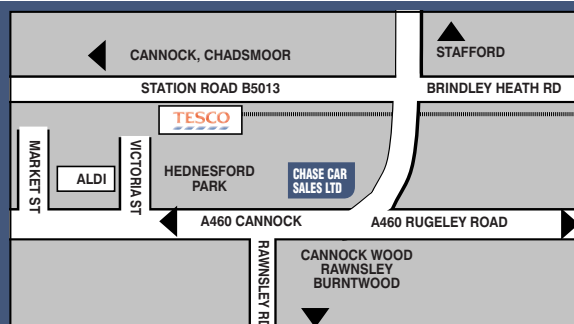
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Fabia estate offers more

By David Banner

ŠKODA has confirmed prices and specifications for the new Fabia Estate ahead of its debut in spring 2015. Available in three trim grades: S, SE and SE-L, the third-generation Fabia estate is priced from just £12,460 and offers a significant specification boost over the outgoing model.

Entry-level S models feature six airbags, DAB digital radio, Bluetooth, Stop/Start and electric front windows as standard, while SE models (from £13,905 on-the-road) add manual air-conditioning, alloy wheels, front assist, Arkamys surround sound package and Bolero radio with telephone control, Mirror Link, USB and SD card connections.

SE models also include a three-spoke leather steering wheel, height adjustable driver and passenger seat, Maxi-DOT trip computer and black roof rails.

Range-topping Elegance models (from £14,755 on-the-road) add even more features including 16-inch alloy wheels, climate control air-conditioning, Light assistant, cruise control and KESSY – keyless entry system.

In addition to its generous equipment levels, the new Fabia features a striking new look, sector-best practicality, greater efficiency and a host of Simply Clever innovations.

Utilising advanced MQB platform archi-

ture, the new Fabia estate performs the impossible by being larger and stronger than its best-selling predecessor, yet tipping the scales at up to 65kg less.

This significant reduction, along with the introduction of cleaner EU6-compliant engines makes the new Fabia up to 17 per cent more efficient.

The Fabia estate's low running costs and reduced CO2 outputs are certain to appeal to fleet buyers. BIK rates start from just 14 per cent with seven of the 17-strong range qualifying for zero rate road tax. The 1.2 TSI 90PS engine is expected to be the most popular with UK buyers.

Practical

Unveiled at the Paris Motor Show in September, the new Fabia estate builds on the strengths of its predecessor.

Its boot volume of 530 litres (with the seats up) makes it the most spacious in the sector, while its maximum load volume of 1,395 litres puts rivals in the sectors above to shame.

And it's not just sheer volume that makes the new Fabia estate such a practical proposition.

The 960mm loading floor is now wider than in the previous model while the tailgate opens to 1,900 mm and is 1,028 mm wide.

The loading sill is only 611mm high, making loading the car up easy. The passenger area is also wider (+21 mm) and longer (by +8mm), and although the car is now slightly lower, there's more headroom for the driver and front seat passengers.

The estate has been a key part of the Fabia range since 2000 and accounts for



'It's not just sheer volume that makes the new Fabia estate such a practical proposition.'

25 per cent of Fabia sales in the UK. More than 1.1 million examples have been sold worldwide, confirming its appeal with buyers looking to combine exceptional load space with a compact frame and affordable price.

Alasdair Stewart, brand director for ŠKO-

DA UK said: "The Fabia estate has always represented terrific value for money and I'm delighted that we're able to offer even more with the third-generation model. The estate has always been key member of the Fabia family and I look forward to its arrival next year."

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Once more with feeling for Antara

By David Banner

Tell most people you drive a Vauxhall Antara and you'll be greeted with blank looks. But what Vauxhall's 4x4 lacks in brand recognition it makes up for in raw ability. Sized midway between a compact and a family 4x4, it offers strong value for money, a fine engine and solid build quality.

First shown at the 2006 Paris Show, it was effectively a rebadged Chevrolet Captiva, itself a rebadged Daewoo Winstorm. This third-hand model may not have been thoroughly imbued with Vauxhall DNA, coming as it did straight out of not Luton but GM-Daewoo's Bupyeong-gu plant in Incheon, Korea. Perhaps this explains Vauxhall's rather half-hearted marketing effort. Certainly the Chevrolet Captiva seems to have sold more units in the UK.

All this back story merely serves to explain why such a decent car has been so criminally undersold. Make no mistake, the Antara is no spiritual successor to the awful Frontera, yet could only muster a fraction of the Frontera's sales at a time when the SUV market was booming. Fast forward to today and we have a more sluggish sales arena that Vauxhall is attempting to inject a little life into with its facelifted and improved Antara. Maybe the second time's a charm.

The Achilles heel of the old Antara was a rather asthmatic and coarse 2.0-litre diesel engine. Thankfully that has been yanked and junked in favour of a wholly more satisfactory 2.2-litre lump. Power goes up from 148bhp to a more robust 162bhp in the entry-level model or 183bhp for the range-topping all-wheel drive car which means that you won't need to extend it quite so much when fully loaded.

As well as better performance, this fully Euro-5 compliant engine line-up offers significantly reduced fuel consumption and emissions. Both engine variants come with variable camshaft phasing, optimising torque and performance as well as reducing fuel consumption and emissions. The Antara was never a star performer off road and neither is the latest car. The chassis gets revised spring and damper settings which help the on-road ability significantly but ground clearance remains an issue if you're to subject the vehicle to anything much more arduous than a rutted track. The adaptive four-wheel drive system switches automatically between two and four-wheel drive as conditions demand. In normal driving, only the front wheels are driven, saving fuel, but in slippery conditions four-wheel drive is employed, switching drive to both front and rear wheels for improved traction.

The biggest styling change to the latest Antara is its revised grille. I'm not altogether sold on the way that it makes the car look narrower and taller than before but the rear end now looks extremely sharp, with a central crease running vertically up the middle and chunky light clusters defining the Vauxhall's hips. These big lights have the unfortunate effect of narrowing the loading aperture at the back, but what price good looks? Underbody bash plates at the front and rear of the car appear to be more cosmetic than anything else.

Reliability

A five-seater, the Antara features seats that fold flat to the floor and room for a decent amount of luggage when the rear seats are in place. The interior is, rather unsurprisingly, not particularly Vauxhall in its design language but gets a revised centre console with extra storage and better quality materials, in addition to improved instrument graphics and interior lighting. Build quality is solid enough and owners of first generation Antara models have reported decent satisfaction scores in reliability surveys.

The 162bhp Antara variant is offered in front-wheel drive with a six-speed manual transmission only or there's all-wheel drive mated to either a manual or six-speed auto gearbox. The 184bhp model also offers a choice of manual or automatic transmissions, and comes with all-wheel drive as standard. All transmissions have been revised to improve efficiency.

Equipment levels are decent, even for the entry-level Exclusiv model, while the SE variant can be identified by its 19-inch alloy wheels and chrome bezels on the front foglights. With prices starting at less than £20,000, the Antara represents a heck of a lot of metal for your money.

The latest Vauxhall Antara hasn't actually changed the formula that much from its rather unsuccessful predecessor. That in itself might sound a damning appraisal were it not for the fact that the old Antara wasn't at all bad, merely underrated and under-promoted. This latest model offers a lot more power as well as improved efficiency and lower prices, so it has tightened up in all the key areas that count.

Better equipment provision and revised styling may also prove attractive to potential customers but in order to get burns on seats, Vauxhall needs to not only let people know that this vehicle exists, but it must also be able to do that while convincing them not to choose its sister vehicle, the Chevrolet Captiva. With the improvements already in hand, the latter task may be easier than the former. Offering a lot of car for not a lot of money is always a good start but the Antara features quality as well as quantity. It's not a macho off-roader but if you need space for a family of five with all-weather capability, the big-hearted Vauxhall takes a lot of beating – at this price at any rate.



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Thursday, January 1

Deadline Monday, December 22, at 11am.

POWELL
Reginald (Reg)

Passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, aged 84 years.

A very special Man who was loved by all his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, December 16, at 2.00pm, at Stafford Crematorium.

The Reception afterwards will be at Cannock Social Club. All Family and Friends are welcome.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for St.Giles Hospice c/o

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in memoriam

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Ken.

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Wife Kath and Family.

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HUGHES
Audrey

Nothing has changed sweetheart, you're still the only girl in the world, I shall love you forever my gentle Aud.

Trev.

X X X

Mom

Every day I miss you, I shall love you always.

L.F.M.

Mark.

X X X

SHELLAM
Audrey Sheila nee Cavell

Passed away November 27, 2014.

Beloved Mom, Nan and Great -Nan.

Will be sadly missed by us all.

Funeral to be held at Bushbury Crematorium, at 3pm, December 16.

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SIMCOX
Dave (Blackpool)

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As I lay you on a bed of rose petals Bro, it's breaking my heart as I watch you float out to sea.

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Your brokenhearted Sis, Jen, Warren and Family.

X X X

WOOTTON
Myra

Passed away peacefully December 2, 2014, aged 81 years.

Sadly missed by her Family and Friends.

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coming of age

MELLOR
Nathan
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acknowledgements

HILLIER
Simon

The Family of Simon would like to thank everyone for their kindness, sympathy, flowers, donations and cards received at this tragic time.

Special thanks to Anthony at Faragher Maguire. Also Rev. Paul Kelly at St. Peters Church, Rev Leo Vargez for a really special service. Thanks also to Paula Smith for a really lovely buffet at H.T. Football Club.

God bless you all.

Lynn, Tom and Mark.

X X X

PRATT
Charles John (Jack)

Flo and Family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and support on the loss of Jack, a loving Husband, Dad and Grandad.

Special thanks to Julie Tipper, the Macmillan Nurses and Doctors and Nurses on Ward 6 at Burton Queens Hospital.

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LICENSING ACT 2003
Notice of application for Premises Licence

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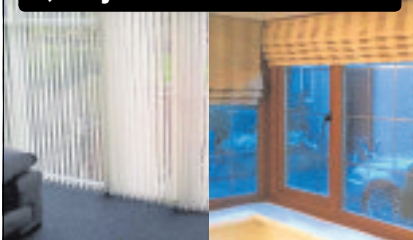
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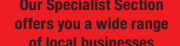
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Chief has to wait on FA probe

WOLVES chairman Steve Morgan is facing an FA fine if he is found guilty of insulting referee Mike Jones. The Molineux chief remonstrated with Jones after a series of controversial decisions in the 2-1 defeat to Bournemouth on Saturday. Football's governing body alleges 'his language and/or behaviour after the end of the fixture was abusive and/or insulting and/or improper'. Morgan has openly apologised. Wolves were also - indirectly - involved in another FA charge with Georg Margreitter finding himself in the middle of a potential paperwork error. The FA charged Chesterfield with a breach of FA Cup rules, after allegedly finding an ineligible player in their second round clash against MK Dons. The Dons were beaten 1-0 at home by Paul Cook's Spireites on Saturday, during which Margreitter featured for the away side.

Hutton hurls in the winning goal for Villa

Villa 2 Leicester 1
ALAN Hutton bagged his first Aston Villa goal as they clinched a feisty 2-1 win over 10-man Leicester.
The right-back, who had been frozen out by manager Paul Lambert before this season, netted with 20 minutes left to cap their comeback.
Leonardo Ulloa ended his drought with his first goal in 10 games to put the Foxes ahead but Ciaran Clark equalised within minutes.
And Paul Konchesky was sent off late on for Leicester after clashing with Hutton - who was lucky to stay on - to compound

Football
the visitors' woes. It left Nigel Pearson's side rooted to the bottom of the Barclays Premier League and lifted resurgent Villa up to 11th.
Charles N'Zogbia and Carlos Sanchez were recalled for the hosts, replacing the suspended Andi Weimann and injured Joe Cole.
Danny Simpson made his first Leicester start since signing from QPR in the summer. The defender had played just 26 minutes

for the Foxes this season and replaced the ill Ritchie de Laet.
Liam Moore replaced suspended captain Wes Morgan and David Nugent was well enough to take his place on the bench after illness.
The visitors took the lead on 13 minutes when Villa failed to shackle Riyad Mahrez and Brad Guzan spilled his deflected effort straight to Ulloa who tapped in.
It was a gift but Villa levelled five minutes later when Clark was granted the freedom of the area to head in Ashley Westwood's free kick from six yards.
Mahrez shot wide as Leicester responded

but Villa had the measure of a spirited, if limited, Foxes side who relied on the pace of Jamie Vardy to threaten.
And the striker was involved in a flash-point late in the half as tempers flared at Villa Park.
First, he clattered into Westwood - forcing the midfielder to be carried off - and was lucky to only receive a caution.
Then Clark caught Ulloa in a strong tackle which forced the striker off at the break, with Nugent his replacement.
Villa completed their comeback on 70 minutes, when Hutton smashed past Schmeichel.

Cannock dominate to take the spoils

Market Drayton 0 Cannock Firsts 19
CANNOCK travelled to Market Drayton in what has always been, traditionally, a very hard fixture.

Skipper Jon Freeman had selected a strong squad which included a debut for David Edwards and a starting place for Scott Pedley at No.9. Market Drayton started the game and Joe Brooke's collected the restart.

Cannock took a foothold early on in the game and looked confident in attack.

The returning Will Watkins made an immediate impact, making yards everyone time he had the ball.

Cannock nearly went over with David Edwards but he was tackled at the last.

Man of the match Gareth Ley and Josh Humphries linked well off Iain Whitmell and were dangerous in attack and never troubled in defence.

The Lions did cross the whitewash with Jord Pincombe cutting a beautiful line from Frosts off load but the ref pulled it back.

However, for all their possession Cannock could not get that all important first score.

Cannock won back the kick off through Brad Stanaway and he popped to Brookes.

The solid second row popped to the very impressive Scott Pedley who found the tank Craig Richards on the wing.

The prop bulldozed up the pitch, doing well to stay in touch and with a lovely pop found B.Stanaway who crossed over after being on the pitch for 30 seconds.

Unfortunately the ref adjudged this to be forward so play was brought back for a scrum.

Rugby

John Shirley a won the feed against the head and Freeman reaped the awards, crossing over with a well finished try.

Cannock continued to attack. Market Drayton were defending as if their life depended on it and pulled off some fantastic turnovers. One of these provided the next try.

A kick away found Carl Palmer who carried back true. Quick ruck allowed Pedley to find Pincombe who ran from very deep catching the Market Drayton defence unawares and saw him waltz through unchallenged. 0-12.

The pack started to turn the screw. B Stanaway collected the loose ball and went over.

The away side now attempted to find the bonus point win. Ley, Lathe, Richards and Brooke's all nearly went through but again Market Drayton defence was solid. A wrong decision from a quick tap meant the game ended and Cannock were victorious.

Matthew proud to wear the rose on his chest



Matthew Madsen who has been chosen to play for England in action

ANOTHER great chapter in Cannock RUFC history was created when Cannock forward Matthew Madsen was selected to play for the England deaf rugby team in a trial game against Leicestershire police at South Leicester RUFC.

This was a warm up as England Deaf will play home and away internationals against their Welsh counterparts later this year.

The England Deaf Rugby Union

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Matthew played first twenty of the first half and thirty minutes of the second half at his club position

of Prop Forward with England Deaf running out 13-7 winners.

"It's a great honour just to play with the English Rose on my chest and I just hope I did enough to be selected for the Wales games, however it's something I will never forget."

David Taylor Cannock RUFC chairman commented "It's another fantastic achievement in a brilliant year which has seen the Clubs profile rocket within the County."

Second half goals kill off Littleton

Cannock Chase Cup Round Three
FIRST Division Wheat-sheaf produced three second half goals to knock out Premier League Littleton 3-0. Ryan Coney and Luke Bradley put Wheat-sheaf into the quarter finals draw.

Cannock Charity Cup Round One
Bridge F.C finally beat the Castle this season by knocking them out of the cup 4-1. A minutes silence was held before kick off in remembrance of Joe Hunt from Rugeley who died, aged 22.

Greenheath knocked out Winding Wheel 5-3. Hen House knocked out Pear Tree 7-0. Man of the Match, Jon Cox scored his first ever hat trick.

Premier League
Table toppers, Brereton Lion, whacked their nearest rivals Brereton Town 5-0. Hawkins Sports beat Belt Road 4-3. Harrisons beat CK77 4-2.

Champions Ridware Oak thrashed Dynamo Lamb 10-0. **Division One** Colliers Arms beat Wyrley Juniors 4-2. Chase Spartans beat Crystal Fountain 3-0.

Victoria beat Lea Hall 8-0. Talbot beat Bar Sports 4-3. **Division Two** King Georges beat Bow Street 3-1. Bridgtown Social beat Blade 5-4.

Reeves is the hero for Darlo

Bartley Green 2 Darlston 3
A superb John Reeves goal sent Darlston two points clear at the top of West Midlands Division Two with a win at Bartley Green.

The visitors went two goals up in the opening 12 minutes through player-manager Mark Swann.

First on three minutes when Mark Swann cleverly lobbed keeper Connolly.

This gave the visitors confidence to push on and Swann was on hand in the 12th minute heading home a Sam Giles cross.

The impressive Brian Radza reduced the arrears in the 29th minute then equalised.

Reeves rifled home the winner.

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Pitmen urged to buck up at back

HEDNESFORD TOWN assistant manager Chris Brindley has called for the struggling Pitmen to end their recent slump.

Rob Smith's side are without a league victory in three games after appearing to steady the ship to what was a rocky opening to the campaign.

Brindley said: "Our form has been poor, it's frustrating because we got ourselves in a good position in the league and now we've fell back because of those results.

"Earlier in the season we were struggling with numbers and a few key signings were unavailable but that stuff is part and parcel, everybody has it."

"We badly need a win, we've not been playing well and we've been conceding far too many goals. We've scored two goals now in the last two games (against Flyde in the Trophy and Tamworth in League) and come away with nothing," Smith's no.2 said.

"It's not good enough defensively and if that continues we won't be taking many points from any games."

Hednesford crashed out of this season's FA Trophy at the first hurdle after going down 3-2 at Conference North rivals AFC Flyde on Saturday.

It's time to talk it over – McAuley

ALBION veteran Gareth McAuley is planning a pep-talk with Craig Dawson after replacing his fellow defender for Saturday's draw at Hull.

McAuley won a recall at Dawson's expense and responded with a man-of-the-match display in the drab game at the KC Stadium.

But the Northern Ireland international is planning to speak to Dawson to reassure him about his displays in the early weeks of the season.

"It was difficult on Saturday because I wasn't aware until the team was announced that I was going to be playing," said McAuley.

"So I just switched the focus onto that but I will have a chat with him in the next few days."

Lichfield take the points from rivals

Longton 13 Lichfield 19
PLAYING up the slope and into the sun, Lichfield started with a great tempo and structure and made good inroads into the Longton half.

There were a few nervy handling errors from both teams, but Lichfield looked to have domination at the set piece.

A series of phases off one of these saw Charlie Milner cut an excellent line to get through the Longton defence.

Danny Poole was in support to race over for the opening try, and his first for the myrtle greens within the opening 10

Rugby

minutes. Massey couldn't convert and Lichfield led. Lichfield continued to move the Longton line around, but the accuracy of the final pass gifted possession back to the home side.

It wasn't long before they hit their straps, and a few careless penalties allowed them to kick long into the Lichfield half.

It would be these careless penalties that would cost Lichfield six points, as the Longton attack was repelled from the try line.

The half played out between the twenty-twos, as both teams failed to grasp the game.

Longton missed a long range penalty, and the half came to a close with Longton leading 6-5.

Playing field position to a back three that didn't kick, and working the Longton pack hard, the mismatches were found early in the second half, as neat hands saw Cotterhill get round his man, before Southern finished the move wide out on the right. Massey added the extras and Lichfield restored their lead.

Lichfield continued to pressure which eventually told as a Longton mistake was picked up and following some excellent team play, Turner scored out wide.

Massey again added the extras and Lichfield looked comfortable.

Lichfield rang the changes, with Taplin, Clarke and Wedgewood entering the game, and all were to have a positive impact.

It was Lichfield who were victims of their own demise, as they stopped working their game plan and coughed up possession too easily. Longton grew in confidence and on 70 minutes found their way over.

Khalsa stay on trail of leaders

Sporting Khalsa 3

Gornal Athletic 0

SPORTING Khalsa kept in touch with leaders-Bridgnorth, securing a ninth consecutive league victory with a comprehensive 3-0 win over third-placed Gornal.

Ian Rowe's side dominated from start to finish with the visitors rarely putting pressure on the home team's goal to trouble the keeper.

Ex-Gornal man Marvin Nisbett opened the scoring on 11 minutes, reacting well to some slapdash defending to prod home the first of three goals which gave Khalsa the match.

Mensah Kinch was brought down in the area by Carl Martin and Tim Jackson lashed home the spot-kick.

Kennedy produced the save of the match on 41 minutes to deny Craig Bannister, diving to tip over a rocket of a shot destined for the roof of the net.

Deep into stoppage time a loose throw in by Gornal's Carl Martin was not controlled by Steve Edmonds, enabling Randy Davis to whip in a brilliant cross to find the head of fellow substitute Chris Rabone to head home.

Khalsa remain one point behind Bridgnorth.

Nightmare now over says Alan

ALAN HUTTON believes his first Villa goal has turned his nightmare into a dream.

The Scotland defender has been one of Villa's stand-out performers this term and bagged the winner in Sunday's 2-1 Premier League victory over Leicester.

He had previously been frozen out by boss Paul Lambert for two years and failed to play a single minute under the Scot before this season.

Hutton was loaned out to Mallorca, Nottingham Forest and Bolton before being recalled to the squad in the summer. And after his winner against the Foxes, Hutton insists he has completed his comeback.

Late Scholars' goal frustrates Kidsgrove

Chasetown 2 Kidsgrove 2
TEN-MAN Chasetown grabbed a late equaliser to prevent Kidsgrove Athletic claiming their first away win of the Evo-Stik Division One South season.

With a minute remaining, and the Scholars on the verge of a fifth consecutive defeat, Kidsgrove keeper Joe Hemmings fumbled Lee Butler's corner over the line to hand the home side a precious point.

It had looked beyond Craig Harris' men after Andy Kinsey's penalty 10 minutes from time gave Kidsgrove a 2-1 lead, then four minutes later Jermaine Johnson's second yellow card reduced Chasetown's numbers.

Kidsgrove started brightly and could have been ahead long before they took the lead, but for top saves from Chasetown goal-keeper John Bateman first to deny Kinsey and then Dave Walker, while Ashley Wooliscroft was inches wide with a curling effort.

But in the 17th minute Walker was given time and space and looped an effort over Bateman to open the scoring.

Chasetown were level a minute later when leading goalscorer Nathan Waite turned and hooked the ball beyond Hemmings' grasp for his 10th goal of the season.

Twice Nick Wellecomm was close to giving the home side the lead. First, he stretched to reach a pass and could only divert into the grasp of Hemmings and then he headed straight at the Grove keeper with a difficult chance.

Football

Kidsgrove deservedly regained the lead after Anthony Halbon was sent tumbling and Kinsey sent Bateman the wrong way from the spot.

Johnson's dismissal appeared to have settled matters only for Hemmings to have an unfortunate hand in the outcome.

Lee Butler's corner had Hemmings in all sorts of trouble and he fumbled the ball over the line, with the goal credited to the Scholars substitute.

Danny Griffiths had a chance to get an unlikely winner as the 10 men ended the game on top but defender Chris Flynn stopped the ex-Walsall mans.

Chasetown: Bateman, J Johnson, Beckett, Slater, Miles, Downes, Davies, Parsons (Butler 79), Wellecomm, Waite (Griffiths 82), Edwards (S Brown 82). Subs not used: T Evans, Robinson.

Kidsgrove Athletic: Hemmings, J Evans, R Brown, Flynn, Hadrell (W Johnson 85), Wooliscroft, Davidson, McPherson, Walker (Connor HT), Kinsey, Halbon.



Chris Slater stops Dave Walker in his tracks during the match which ended in a two all draw

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Derby is hit by a switch of venue

Willenhall RUFC 17
Wednesbury RUFC 11
AFTER their stunning 90-point victory a fortnight ago Wednesday were up for this game against their local rivals Willenhall.

A switch of venue made it extremely difficult for Wednesbury as some of their players had made other arrangements so they had to travel with a weakened side.

Wednesbury started the game in good form, their pack in dominant form, pushing their opponents all over the park; this gave a platform for the team to take the game to Willenhall. Lee Allwood had an outstanding game putting sterling work all around the park and scoring Wednesbury's only try.

Dan Till added two penalties late in the half to give Wednesbury an 11-0 lead at the break.

After the interval Wednesbury kept the pressure on the home side, but then Wednesbury had two players yellow carded leaving them down to 13 players for part of the game. Willenhall took advantage scoring three tries and a conversion to take the lead. Even with Wednesbury back to full strength they could not get back into the game.

Willenhall 2nds beat Wednesbury 2nds 50-0.

Injury battle for Anichebe

BOSS Alan Irvine has revealed striker Victor Anichebe is still battling with a groin injury for Saturday's crunch Hawthorns derby against Villa.

The Baggies forward was only passed fit to play in Saturday's goalless draw with Hull on the morning of the game after fresh discomfort from the groin injury he had surgery on in the summer.

But Irvine is optimistic the former Everton man can be patched up again to face the Baggies' local rivals at the weekend.

He said: "I'm hoping so. There was a bit of work that had to be done to get him onto the pitch at Hull."

"It was only on Saturday morning that it was confirmed that he was going to be OK to play."

"It's still the groin problem that's he had. He's still battling through that at the moment."

Burntwood lose out after jostling battle

Harborne 32 Burntwood 28

THE first score went to Ben Holt's side on three minutes. They earned a penalty which Will Peach converted from 25 metres.

Both teams then jostled for an opening with play confined to the area between the two 22s until Peach doubled Burntwood's lead with an excellent strike for his second penalty goal on 15 minutes.

Momentum then moved markedly to the hosts who rattled in four tries in a 10 minute burst. A couple of errors led to the first with Harborne regathering a miscued

Rugby

clearance kick to feed left and score. The next try came from a disrupted Burntwood scrum 30 metres out. The hosts turned over possession which led to another score in the left corner.

The potent home back division then achieved the bonus point try with a slick move to the right for the touch down in the corner.

Burntwood responded well via strong runs from Hal Gozukucuk and Ian Jones.

They won a penalty on the home 10 metre line which Peach skimmed over for 9-20.

The forwards then drove deep into opposition territory from the restart which cost the hosts their tight head prop for 10 minutes for killing the ball. Peach's subsequent penalty kick at goal was off target.

The visitors were right back in the game with a try before the break.

No.8 Ian Jones was able to squeeze over. Just three minutes into the second period Burntwood went into the lead.

An excellent attack involving forwards and backs linking together saw Gozukucuk

threaten the try line before Holt fed Elliot Woolley who squeezed over in the corner. Peach converted.

Three minutes later a series of penalties were awarded to the hosts, the last of which was taken quickly to create a try for the lively outside centre.

The Harborne outside half sliced through a gap for an unopposed try.

Full back Brett Taylor was up in the line to dummy his way over and with Peach's conversion it was a four point game.

Burntwood were penalised and the hosts were able to clear and secure the five points.

Kenny's London cup trip

WOLVES have been handed a trip to Craven Cottage in the third round of the FA Cup with Albion given a plum tie against non-league side Gateshead.

Kenny Jackett's men have happy memories of playing Fulham this season, after Bakary Sako bagged the winner as Wolves claimed the Championship points with a 1-0 victory.

Under-pressure Baggies boss Alan Irvine will welcome a run in the famous old competition and his side have been given a huge chance of making it through to round four after being paired with the north-east outfit.

Villa, meanwhile, are also at home against Lee Clark's Blackpool while his former club - Birmingham City - will take the trip to giant-killers Blyth Spartans.

Spartans captain Stephen Turnbull joked: "We will just have to give it our best."

Worcester City - who play their home games at Kidderminster Harriers' Aggborough ground - will face a home tie with Chesterfield, if they can win their replay with Scunthorpe.

The ties will be played between January 3 and 6.

Referee Jones will be fourth

CONTROVERSIAL referee Mike Jones has not been allocated a game in either the Premier League or Football League this weekend.

Jones, temporarily demoted from the Premier League after failing to award Manchester City a penalty at Southampton, will be fourth official at Burnley on Saturday.

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BRAKES GO ON AS PITMEN HESITATE

Leamington 1 Hednesford 1

A SECOND-HALF turnaround cost Hednesford a victory that could have re-ignited their bid for a Conference North play-off place.

The Pitmen were dominant in the first half at Leamington, but the home side deservedly earned a point after taking control of the second period, writes Chris Brewerton.

Football

Hednesford, going into the game on the back of two straight league defeats, started with a clear intention to win. And their travelling fans were celebrating within three minutes.

Darren Campion made good ground down the left wing and sent in a superb cross which begged for former Leamington hero Richard Batchelor to bury his header from six yards. Keeper Connal Trueman was equal to the attempt but he could only push the ball out for Glenn Walker to slam the ball into the net from close range.

Forced

Danny Glover hit a free-kick narrowly over the bar before Jamey Osborne slammed past four challenges into the Leamington box only to see Trueman make a superb low save to his right.

Osborne then swung in a brilliantly judged free-kick which left the Leamington defence in no man's land between the penalty spot and six yard line as James Hurst headed the ball on and forced Trueman into another sprawling save.

In the second half the ta-

bles turned completely as the Brakes laid siege to the Pitmen's goal. Dan Crane tipped over a rasping drive from Lee Chilton on 53 minutes and from the resulting corner, hesitant defending from Hednesford left Dan Newton with enough time six yards out to control a dropping ball and inconceivably stab it over the bar.

Town's Steve Diggin finished well past Trueman only to see the linesman's flag raised before the equaliser came on 64 minutes when slack defending allowed Newton to stab home. Newton forced Crane to parry a swerving shot before the Pitmen almost grabbed a 93rd-minute winner when Osborne's chip hit the inside of the post before being hacked away.

Leamington: Trueman, Fry, Morley, Magunda, Tank, Mace, L Moore (Dodd 85), Edwards, S Moore, Newton, Chilton. **Hednesford Town:** Crane, Hurst, Campion, Bailey, McCone, Melbourne (Danks 80), Osborne, Walker, Glover (Robinson 74), Diggin, Batchelor. Subs not used: Sullivan, Thorley, Price.



Glenn Walker scores for the Pitmen against Leamington in the game which ended all square at one each

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